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MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

The citizens of Belfast, exercising their right of franchise, have chosen us to act as their servants, in the conducting of their Municipal business for the ensuing year. They have delegated to us work that carries with it great responsibility, and that may mean progress or retrogression to our beloved city.

I am pleased to know that many of you have had experience in the work before us, having served the city in its Municipal government in the past, and such work was evidently approved by our fellow citizens, else you would not have been again elected, and this endorsement of your public service is an honor that you should not hold lightly, and a reward to which you are undoubtedly entitled. I am now entering upon my tenth year of service as Mayor, and my twelfth in the different branches of our city government.

While a large majority of the body have been elected upon the Democratic ticket, we have with us a minority elected on the Republican ticket, but I trust that this will not be permitted to influence any member in the least in the service we render our city.

I am pleased to note that among those of the minority are gentlemen who have served with me in previous administrations, and while at times we may have disagreed, it was in a friendly manner, and I wish to say to you, gentlemen, it is my wish that you have full participation in our work of striving to solve the problem of serving our city's interest in the best manner possible, and I sincerely hope that you will feel

that you are associating with your fellow servants in a work where political lines have no place.

You will recognize, gentlemen, that as the Democratic party has control of the city government, there can be no division of responsibility, and profiting by the lessons of the past, through which I have learned that the mayor seems to be the one member of the city government that is always held responsible for any undesirable act or condition, I shall perhaps insist or at least urge you more insistently than I have in the past, to permit me to act as pilot when conditions rise such as I have met in the past, and through which I have learned some valuable lessons by such experience.

I can assure you that in every case my recommendation will be made only after careful consideration of the matters involved, and will be based upon deliberate thought and known experience.

We do not convene as the representatives of a political party but of all the citizens of Belfast, and we are here because of the loyal support of many good Republican as well as Democratic citizens.

The man who opposed our election should be treated with equal courtesy, and his interests protected just as much as though he had given us his support.

The present condition of our city's finances presents a complicated and altogether undesirable problem, in that we have a considerable indebtedness in the form of temporary loans,—some demand loans—with very small assets available from which to secure funds to meet our current monthly roll of accounts, to say nothing of liquidating any portion of the present indebtedness. The city must borrow largely to take care of even its current expenses however economically we may conduct our affairs, until several months have passed and we are able to secure returns from the 1917 taxes.

It is very desirable to know just what the city's condition is financially, and as the different administrations have had variations in their systems of accounting, I believe there

is little we could do that would meet with more universal approval, than to have an expert accountant examine the city's books and accounts, and render to us a sworn statement of our financial condition as it now exists, and as it has existed at such times in the past as may be necessary to give the citizens clear and comprehensive knowledge of the stewardship of their servants in different administrations.

This knowledge they are entitled to, and it is also due you that there should be no question as to the financial situation when you begin your service, and the accounting at the end of your term will then show just what you have accomplished, whether desirable or undesirable.

Upon us rests the responsibility of selecting and appointing many of our city's servants, and it is our duty after making careful selection to demand of them strict performance, of their respective duties, and in case of either negligence or inefficiency, when proved, their removal should be made without delay.

You have the power to employ, the power to discharge, and therefore upon you rests the responsibility of their every act. Remember this, it is important.

I do not wish to attempt a detailed description of our city's financial business interests, as the records are open to every citizen who cares to examine, and I do not feel qualified to speak on some important phases of our business, until after we have received the statement before mentioned of an expert accountant, and I shall ask you to permit me to withhold the printing of the annual report until such time as we may receive this accounting, to the end that it may be embodied with the said report, to be preserved by every citizen who cares to do so.

TAXATION.

For the last three years, the citizens have been called to bear a rate of taxation far in excess of the amounts levied in previous years, and the excessive burden, I believe, has done

more to injure our city's best interests and retard its progress, than any other one thing.

I am not going to discuss the reasons—that evidently seem good and sufficient, to those who have had control of the preceding administration—for the high rate levied, but after as careful consideration and investigation as I have been able to give, I believe that with economical, intelligent administration of our city's affairs, unless unforeseen expenditures or liabilities should be incurred over which we have no control, that a rate of \$23.00 per thousand will supply us sufficient funds to conduct the city's business in a satisfactory manner without incurring any overdrafts. And right here I wish to say that I am irrevocably opposed to any overdrafts in any department, and I trust that you will aid me in keeping our expenditures within the limits of each appropriation made.

HIGHWAYS.

There is perhaps no department of our Municipal business where good service will be more appreciated, and none where money can be wasted faster.

Every bit of our 160 odd miles of street should be kept with as smooth surface as possible, that is, there should be no ruts, no holes, no loose rolling rocks, and this condition, I believe, can be maintained with much less expense than by the methods that have been employed in the past.

All that is done in the grading of dirt roads, other than to keep them properly crowned, with ditches and crossways to carry off the water, and the maintaining of a desirable surface for travel, is money lost, unless surfacing material is used, like good gravel or crushed rock, preferably the latter, to make the work more permanent.

We have seen the expenditure of thousands of dollars by the passing administrations, in the work of grading roads late in the season, and when the fall rains came and the frost got in its work, and the spring mud was passed, the road was

back to as bad condition as ever. The money was practically thrown away.

I have given this matter of highways considerable study. I have made quite extensive investigations of the methods employed in other states where I have traveled and from all that I can learn, I believe that if we divide up our streets into sections of not exceeding five miles, and let the maintenance of each section to responsible parties under contract by the year, they to take the road this spring and keep any gaugmires that may appear, passable for teams until the road settles, meanwhile removing all small rocks that can be easily got at while the soil is soft, then with a two-horse grader—such as is now built by the tens of thousands and used all over the country—the ruts can be filled after each storm, and the dirt will soon be packed down hard, so the surface will not easily cut up, through the principal part of the season. It is important that all holes shall be promptly filled. How often have you seen a depression in the road where water would stand for weeks, when the road elsewhere was dry, and a single load of material would make that place as good as the rest, or a small hole where a shovelful or two of material would do the work, and yet it would remain there all the season for those traveling to bump over.

In a nutshell, require the removal of all small rocks, the keeping of the surface of the road free from ruts and depressions, and you have solved the problem of reasonably desirable roads for travel.

I would suggest that this plan be followed and that each section be let to the lowest bidder, to be cared for as stated, and also to be kept passable in case of drifting snows in the winter, and I believe that better results can be accomplished for much less expenditure than by former methods.

Moreover, by this plan there would be some twenty eight (28) sections, and the money expended would go to each section. There would be a greater distribution of labor, beside, every rod of road would be under somebody's care and

it could not be said "You have expended all your money on a small section of the city's highways, and other sections have not been touched."

The public at large will aid greatly in the inspection of the work performed for when they understand the conditions, they will be prompt to enter complaint if any contractor is negligent of his duty.

BRIDGES.

We have some bridges in town that are in very poor condition. The lower bridge has had very little done to it except the turning over of a few surface planks for the last three years, and it may be possible to get by this year by replanking such portions as may become badly worn. Not far in the future, it has got to be stripped down to the stringers, and many new piles will be required, but we hope this will not be necessary this year.

The upper bridge needs considerable repair, and we hear complaints regarding smaller bridges, some of which are claimed to be unsafe, and it is our duty to make "safety first" our motto in the maintenance of bridges.

SIDEWALKS.

For many years I fought against the replacement of plank sidewalks, but my colleagues in city governments where I presided, did not agree with me and it was only in the latter years of my former administrations, that I was able to secure the construction of extensive stretches of cement and tar concrete sidewalk. The tar concrete is much the more economical, cost and durability considered.

As far as possible, I would advocate the surfacing of sidewalks with tar concrete, and where the expense cannot be afforded, I would use crushed rock, well elevated above the surface, and properly graded, with fine rock on top to

make a smooth surface. Such walk when properly constructed, is economical and desirable.

CITY PARK.

Our city has one of the most beautifully located parks to be found among the cities of Maine, and not long since, a gentleman said to me, "the condition of a city's park is an index to that city's condition as a city. If it is well kept, it shows a prosperous town. If neglected, then it is the kind of a town that I would consider undesirable."

This is recognized to be so true, that western towns make it a point to have not only beautiful parks but attractive surroundings at their railroad depots, regardless of what the conditions may be in other sections, and here is where Belfast is far, far behind. The approaches to our city from the railroad depot and the steamboat wharf, are the most unattractive in our town. Our Park—and I say it with a sense of shame—has been left with no more attention than is given to an ordinary pasture. Shrubbery and trees show the continued neglect. Streets gullied until almost impassable. Beach ruined by the hand of the vandal. It is a condition that calls for immediate and effective remedial measures. I would suggest a judicious expenditure in preserving that which has cost our citizens so much labor in the past, and that an effort be made to raise funds by private subscription to restore the beach by bringing gravel in scows and depositing thereon, said gravel to be the property of the citizens who supply the money for this object, and therefore not subject to removal for either public or private interests.

SEWERS.

It is always desirable to add to our sewer system where the demand is most insistent, and I would advise that the construction of sewers be continued without incurring a large expenditure, where they are most urgently needed.

LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Our Library is in very good condition financially. We have been fortunate in having both a Librarian and assistant librarian who have performed their duties in a way to give universal satisfaction.

Belfast schools are doing efficient work in some departments. But I with many others have long felt that there have been too many pet methods introduced, some of which have seriously impaired efficiency, in my opinion.

For years the teaching of bookkeeping was so impractical, that it was hard to find a pupil that could open or close a set of books properly. We understand this has been materially changed for the better, but from conversation with pupils, especially in the lower grades, we believe that the present system of teaching mathematics needs radical revision. I will not take your time to discuss other features of more or less importance, but will remark as would be naturally expected, that we need a large school building to accommodate the Grammar and High school, and some time undoubtedly Belfast will get such a building. Unfortunately, we could not use the Pierce bequest in common with other funds, to erect a building that would have taken care of practically our entire educational system and been a credit to the city.

I know of no practical way by which to secure such a building at the present time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

I understand that our Fire department has continued to maintain an excellent equipment, that the gasoline fire engine that served so many years efficiently, is being repaired for work in the suburbs, and a large steam fire engine has been secured, and is now being used by the city for which we are paying a monthly rental of \$75.00 to be applied on the purchase price if purchased, said purchase price being \$1,500.

There is but one objectionable feature, as I understand it, to this steam fire engine, and that is, its weight, nearly five tons. I would favor the securing of a lighter engine of sufficient power if possible. But it may be well to keep the present engine for emergencies such as the breaking down of our water system, or any considerable conflagration, when it could be taken to the bay and would have the power to force large quantities of water to any portion of the central part of the city. As an insurance against disaster in such an emergency, it may be a pretty good insurance policy to keep on hand.

LIGHTS.

I understand that the contract for our lighting system expired last season, and for certain reasons was not renewed, and we are now having lights under the old contract. I would suggest that a new contract be made to cover the lights in the central portion of the city, with some minor amendments that I will suggest at the proper time.

Our Municipal lighting has been so widely distributed, that the annual expenditure draws heavily upon our treasury and I would recommend that we guard against any wider distribution of lights, until the city's financial condition will admit it.

WATER SERVICE.

I deeply regret that the opportunity that was once ours for equitable adjusting of the relations between the Belfast Water Company and our citizens, has now passed from our reach. It was extremely detrimental to our interests, when through improper representation the contract existing between our city and the Water Company was permitted not only to stand but secure practically the sanction of the court. It should have been set aside, and we would then have been in

position to negotiate with the company for the actual service rendered on a basis of equity.

We understand that instead of reducing rates, as we had anticipated, and which we still believe we would have been able to secure, the rates have been raised, with another raise threatened, and I know of nothing that we can do to protect our city's interests in this matter, unless by appeal to the Public Utilities Commission, we may secure more favorable rates.

CEMETERIES.

Our cemeteries are, according to report submitted, in such condition that they require no special outlay.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

I most urgently recommend that the auditor be required to make monthly reports showing the financial condition in each department. By this means we will be better able to keep our expenditures within the amounts appropriated. I feel very strongly that every precaution should be taken to prevent any excess of expenditure over our receipts, to the end that we may close our administration with an assurance that we have not left any debt unpaid, without leaving sufficient funds to provide for its payment.

From time to time, I shall offer such recommendations and suggestions as it seems to me will assist us in caring for the best interests of our city, and I trust, gentlemen, that you will receive these recommendations in the spirit in which they are offered, assuring you that it will be my endeavor at all times to do my part in a way that will enable us to merit the approval of our constituents, and command their confidence and respect.

EDGAR F. HANSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Belfast, March 8, 1917.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, ALDERMEN and COUNCILMEN
OF THE CITY OF BELFAST, MAINE.

Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit my annual report as City Treasurer showing the receipts and expenditures for the municipal year ending this date, the condition of the Trust funds and the Final Trial Balance.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD SIBLEY,

City Treasurer.

**City of Belfast, Maine, in Account with
Edward Sibley, City Treasurer**

RECEIPTS

Balance March 8, 1916	\$	511	80
Edward Sibley, Coll for 1915		2	413 08
Edward Sibley, Coll for 1916		78	355 00
S. A. Parker, Coll. for 1914			560 78
F. W. Brown, Coll for 1911-12-13		200	00
Wayland Knowlton, Coll for 1910			75 00
Charles H. Sargent, Coll for 1908-9			25 00
Dividends Belfast & M. H. L. R. R. Co.		18	611 36
Supt. of Schools Tuition			588 03
Supt. of Schools, supplies sold			22 50

State of Maine Pension Refund	3 189 00
R. R. & Tel. Tax	5 721 75
School & Mill fund	4 334 29
Common School fund	4 861 78
Dog License Refund	181 69
Free High School	500 00
Free Library Stipend	93 00
State of Maine Pauper acct.	47 62
State of Maine Soldiers' burial	167 80
Sale of hay on City Park	10 00
Rental of Steam Roller	460 00
Sub on Water Street acct. highway	67 00
Police Department fees	50 48
Sale of Cemetery Lots	490 00
Sewer Assessments collected for 1911-14-15	1 231 00
Sewer Assessments collected for 1916	225 00
Overpaid bills and cancelled checks	48 64
Insurance Prem. returned	32 70
Material sold acct. Highway	20 50
Rental of Derrick and machinery	38 30
Crushed Rock sold	46 70
Police Department error in check	6 00
City Clerk, License Merry-go-round	1 00
City Clerk Dog License	344 00
Interest on Bank Balances	72 46
Tax Deeds Including Interest and costs	303 94
Borrowed Money	46 500 00
Northport acct. Little River Bridge	206 24
Thos. H. Marshall Post G. A. R. for heat	50 00
" " " " " " " unused sub.	34 00
Overpaid Dog License to State	43 00
W. B. Woodbury acct. repairs and Insurance	12 65
Collected of Belfast Water Co. for cost in Law Suit	82 30
Sale of Horses to B. O. Norton	450 00
Librarian Cards and Fines	137 70

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Belfast Water Co. Tax credited to collector	1 550 90
Rental of Street Sprinkler	120 00
Balance Street Sprinkler acct. Carried to 1917 acct.	278 50

TRUST FUND INCOME

P. R. Hazeltine Fund	376 86
McClintock Fund	240 00
Wilson Fund	925 72
F. G. White Fund	592 67
Otis Fund	146 54
City Treasurer's acct. overdrawn	76 65
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	\$175 730 93

EXPENDITURES.

Mayor's orders on Appropriations	\$ 56 438 83
Teachers Pay Roll	15 467 49
State Pensions	3 189 00
Bonded Interest as Follows:	
Unpaid coupons, Mar. 6, 1916	\$11 740 00
May coupons	2 260 00
August coupons	9 540 00
November coupons	2 260 00
Borrowed money repaid	25 800 00
Interest on Loans	47 500 00
	643 29
State of Maine Tax	15 891 84
County of Waldo Tax	5 620 51
School Charity Bills	150 00
Belfast Free Library Bills	1 728 85
Cemetery Bills	583 15
F. L. Carey Balance B. T. Moth	287 50

State H. W. Com. Patrol service	627 47
Paid for Pair Horses purchased	750 00
Paid Henry C. Marden for land purchased for Pierce School	375 00
Remitted State of Maine for Dog Licenses	344 00
Home for Aged Women and Girls' Home	240 00
Paid United Construction Co., acct., Little River Bridge	94 00
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	\$175 730 93

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMON
COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF BELFAST, MAINE.

Gentlemen:

Below you have my report of the collection of taxes for
1916 to and including this date, as follows:

Total Commitment	\$85 511 75	
Interest on Bank deposits	22 85	
Disposed of as follows:		
Paid City Treasurer	\$78 355 00	
Abatements	2 659 78	
Discount on Taxes	1 345 02	
Belfast Water Co. Bills	1 550 90	
Tax Deeds	588 51	
Cash on hand	27 91	
Bal. Taxes uncollected	1 007 48	
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	\$85 534 60	\$85 534 60

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD SIBLEY,

Tax Coll. for 1916.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMON
COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF BELFAST.

Gentlemen:

I hand herewith the Trial Balance of the City of Belfast
as follows:

RESOURCES.

Belfast & M. H. L. R. R. Stock		\$500 000 00
Trust Funds		71 092 40
Tax Deeds	\$1 875 65	
City Team	1 300 00	
Stone and Tarvia	93 75	3 269 40
Due from State	1 215 43	
Dog License overpaid to State	43 00	
1916 Sewer Assessment unpaid	705 00	
Due from Town of Brooks	51 75	
Due from Town of Northport	47 00	
Due from Pauper acct.	108 57	2 170 75
Assets and Liabilities acct.		99 098 31
Due from S. A. Parker coll. 1914		577 86
Due from Edward Sibley coll. 1916		1 012 54
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		\$677 221 26

LIABILITIES.

Bonded Debt		\$590 000 00
Trust Funds		71 092 40
Schools unexpended balance		141 14
Due Belfast Free Library	\$ 426 17	
Due cemeteries acct.,	166 40	
Sprinkling streets (unexpended bal.)	278 50	871 07
Borrowed money		5 500 00
Coupons unpaid		9 540 00
City Treasurer acct. overdrawn		76 65
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		\$677 221 26

Respectfully submitted

EDWARD SIBLEY, City Treas.

UNEXPENDED AND OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS

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	Appropriations	Miscellaneous Receipts	Total Amount	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance	Overdrawn Balance
Contingent Account	\$5 000 00	\$6 156 29	\$11 156 29	\$8 472 03	\$2 684 26	
Interest on Bonded Debt	5 000 00	18 611 36	23 611 36	14 060 00	9 551 36	
Highways and Bridges	8 000 00	808 57	8 808 57	11 740 25		\$2 931 68
Little River Bridge	1 000 00		1 000 00	1 232 84		232 84
Sidewalks	1 500 00		1 500 00	1 859 56		359 56
Sewers	1 500 00	930 00	2 430 00	2 004 08	425 92	
Fire Department	3 500 00		3 500 00	3 399 64	100 36	
Police Department	2 300 00	51 83	2 351 83	2 493 61		141 78
Pauper Account	2 800 00	2 47	2 802 47	2 911 04		108 57
Memorial Building	2 000 00	56 22	2 056 22	2 343 33		287 11
City Team (support)	1 300 00		1 300 00	1 464 97		164 97
Street Lights	4 850 00		4 850 00	4 840 95	9 05	
Brown Tail Moth	500 00	455 55	955 55	883 10	72 45	
City Park	100 00		100 00		100 00	
Disc't on Taxes	1 500 00		1 500 00	1 345 02	154 98	
School Contingent	700 00		700 00	699 38	62	
Free Text Books	1 500 00	22 50	1 522 50	1 521 99	51	
Supt of Sthools	600 00		600 00	600 00		
Repairs and Insurance	875 00	12 65	887 65	887 50	15	
Free High School, salaries, etc.	3 200 00	1 000 81	4 200 81	4 200 80	01	
" " " janitor	275 00		275 00	275 00		

TREASURER'S REPORT

UNEXPENDED AND OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS—(Continued)

	Appropriations	Miscellaneous Receipts	Total Amount	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance	Overdrawn Balance
Free High School Fuel acct.	\$ 375 00		\$ 375 00	\$ 366 88	\$ 8 12	
Gen. School Purposes	4 485 00	\$9 799 31	14 284 31	14 219 38	64 93	
Transportation	2 225 00		2 225 00	2 156 92	68 08	
State Tax	15 891 84		15 891 84	15 891 84		
County Tax	5 620 51		5 620 51	5 620 51		
Over Lay	3 764 25		3 764 25	3 389 08	375 17	
	<u>\$80 361 60</u>	<u>\$37 907 56</u>	<u>\$118 269 16</u>	<u>\$108 879 70</u>	<u>\$13 615 97</u>	<u>\$4 226 51</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$13 615 97
Overdrawn	4 226 51
Net Unexpended Balance	<u>\$9 389 46</u>

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TRUST FUNDS MARCH 8, 1917

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	Schedule	On Hand March 6, 1916	Received	Withdrawn	On hand March 8, 1917
NATHANIEL WILSON FUND					
80 shares B. & M. R. R. Stock	\$ 8 000 00				
22 Memorial Hall Bonds	22 000 00				
1 Clyde S. S. Bonds	914 36	\$30 914 36			\$30 914 36
PAUL R. HAZELTINE LIBRARY FUND					
2 Clyde S. S. Co. Bonds	2 085 64				
4 Lewiston & Auburn Elec. Co. Bonds	4 000 00				
2 El Reno and Oklahoma Bonds	2 000 00				
Deposited City Nat'l Bank	500 00				
Deposited Belfast Savings Bank	59 36	8 645 00			8 645 00
GEORGE W. FIELD LIBRARY FUND					
2 American Telephone Bonds		2 000 00			2 000 00
ALBERT BOYD OTIS LIBRARY FUND					
Deposited in Belfast Savings Bank		3 000 00			3 000 00
CEMETERIES PERPETUAL CARE FUND					
Deposited in Belfast Savings Bank		12 910 76	\$6 25		13 535 76

TRASURER'S REPORT

TRUST FUNDS MARCH 8, 1917- (Continued)

	Schedule	On hand March 6, 1916	Received	Withdrawn	On hand March 8, 1917
F. G. WHITE LIBRARY FUND					
5 Maine Central Notes	\$4 953 47				
Deposit Belfast Savings Bank	46 53	\$5 000 00			
REINVESTED					
5 City of Vancouver 4 1/2's	4 625 00				
Deposited Belfast Savings Bank	375 00	5 000 00			\$5 000 00
McCLINTOCK FUND					
Deposited in City National Bank		6 000 00			6 000 00
TRUST FUND INCOME					
Wilson Fund Income			\$925 72	\$925 72	
Hazeltine Fund Income			376 86	376 86	
G. W. Field Fund Income		1 426 47	156 32		\$1 582 79
Albert B. Otis Fund Income		58 87	123 56	146 54	35 89
Perpetual Care Fund Income		382 58	536 52	540 50	378 60
McClintock Fund Income			240 00	240 00	
F. G. White Fund Income			592 67	592 67	
Balance Trust Funds					\$71 092 40

CITY OF BELFAST

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES FOR 1916

Burgess, John A.	\$ 1 75
Bailey, Charles H.	3 00
Bickford, Herman L.	3 00
Black Edwin A.	3 00
Boardman, Fred L.	1 50
Bruce, Charles S.	3 00
Bowdy, Phillip	3 00
Barrett, Thos. J.	3 00
Bean, Harry C.	3 00
Carter, George H.	1 13
Carey, Eugene E.	3 00
Carroll, Charles	3 00
Cole, James A.	2 00
Casey, William P.	3 00
Clark, Edward	3 00
Clark, Thomas	3 00
Caddell, Samuel	3 00
Carter, Lewis	3 00
Dunbar, Ora F.	3 00
Dickey, Walter	3 00
Dickey, Harold F.	3 00
Drake, Amariah ...	3 00
Donahue Patrick	3 00
Daley, Patrick	3 00
Davis, Albert	3 00
Elwell, Frank	2 25
Estey, Edward E.	3 00
Gray, Walter A.	3 00
Gray, Llewellyn	1 50
Gray, Edward	3 00
Glidden Benj. J.	3 00

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Hall Hollis M.	3 00
Harrighan, James	3 00
Hills, Herbert R.	3 00
Herrick, Percy W.	1 25
Hogan, Edward	12 50
Jeffords, Albert E.	3 00
Javis, John	3 00
Keegan, Walter	3 00
Kenney, Thomas	3 00
Keyes, William	3 00
Lane, John P.	6 75
Lunt, Edward B.	21 88
Leblanc, Joseph	3 00
Linton, Kenneth	3 00
Lynch, James	3 00
Lynch, Paddey	3 00
Manchester, Frank E.	3 00
Maddox, H. H.	3 75
Merrithew, Emery K.	3 00
Merchant, Linneus C.	3 00
Mayo, Emery E.	2 50
Morris, Frank	3 00
Merro, J. W.	3 00
Mathews, Daniel	3 00
Mathews, Ernest	3 00
Moody, Adoniram L.	9 25
Moody, Fred Mrs.	3 00
McTaggart, John	3 00
McConnell, William	3 00
McLeod, Dan'l A.	2 88
Malvin, Edward	3 00
McDonald, Fred L.	3 00

Nickerson, Alonzo S.	11 13
Old Corner Drug Store Co.	50 00
Pettee, Clyde E.	3 00
Pomeroy, James H.	3 00
Phillips, William ..	3 00
Pierce, Warren B.	3 75
Pitcher, Elbridge S.	60 00
Quimby, William H.	8 75
Roberts, Leslie B.	3 63
Ray, Harvard A.	6 25
Robbins, Ephriam Jr.	7 00
Robbins, Leland W.	6 25
Roberts, Frank G.	3 00
Robbins, William ..	3 00
Robbins, Chester T.	3 00
Ranco, Bert ..	3 00
Smith, Frank L.	3 00
Sleeper, A. P.	3 00
Sullivan, John ..	3 00
Smith, Ernest D.	2 13
Shute, Fannie E.	5 00
Smalley, Castanus M.	3 75
Thomas, Elbridge M.	6 75
Thomas, Alton ..	6 63
Thomas, William E.	3 00
Thornyon, Mark ..	3 00
Vinal, L. W.	3 00
Welch, Jesse Mrs.	3 00

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Wood, Fred W.	6 25
Whitney, Chester A.	3 00
Weed, Frank L.	3 00
Wentworth, Fred W.	3 00
Wyman, George	3 00
 Young, Maynard.....	 3 00
York, Purlie .. .	3 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Belfast, Maine, April 10th, 1917.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BELFAST, MAINE:

Gentlemen;

I herewith submit my report as auditor of the City of
Belfast, Maine, for the year of March 1916 to March 1917.

Respectfully,

H. H. COOMBS, Auditor.

CONTINGENT

Aborn, J. G., Inspector of Bldgs.,	.....	.\$	20 00
American Express Co.	.....		3 07
Annis, Bert, Collecting Dog Tax	.....		8 50
Bassick, Lizzie Maintaining Watering Tub	.....		5 00
Belfast Foundry & Mch. Co. Signs	.....		4 50
Bartlett, F. L. Election Clerk	.....		4 00
Bartlett, Louis Election Clerk	.....		4 00
Burdin, A. W. Election Clerk	.....		6 00
Bray, W. H. Bd. of Assessors	.....		108 00
Babcock, E. E. Election Clerk	.....		2 00
Bagley, Abbie Maintaining Watering Tub	....		5 00
Bakeman, E. L. Election Officers	....		2 00
Bartlett, Wm. Election Officer	.....		2 00
Bean, Leander Maintaining Watering Tub	..		5 00
Black, Chas. N. Putting up Election Booth			2 00

Blair, A. A. Reporting Marriages	5 25
Burgess, A. C. Election Clerk	4 00
Burgess, Elizabeth Printing & etc.,	102 00
Burgin, N. E. Election Officer	6 00
Belfast Water Co. Hydrant Rental	469 22
Cross, E. L. Election Clerk	2 00
Cottrell, H. B. Election Clerk	4 00
Clark, Frank Election Officer	10 00
Carter, P. D. H. Election Officer	8 00
Carle & Jones Supplies	2 18
Cassens, R. H. Election Officer	2 00
Chaples, D. H. Election Officer	2 00
Chase & Doak Supplies for City Clerk	3 25
City Drug Store Supplies for Poor Farm	27 03
Clark, Henry D. Election Work	10 00
Clifford, W. J. Use of Opera House	11 00
Clifford, W. J. Truant Officer	4 00
Coe-Mortimer Co. Raising Draw in Bridge	93 35
Collins, Chas. Election Clerk	4 00
Coombs, H. H. Auditor and Extra Labor	100 45
Cooper & Co. Supplies	6 00
Cottrell, C. Y. Election Officer	10 00
Crockett, Chas. Election Officer	2 00
Crosby, W. F. Election Officer	2 00
Decrow, Elmer Bd. of Registration	204 00
Dunton, R. F. Legal services	221 14
Dunton, G. E. Election Clerk	2 00
Daggett, Geo. Watering Tub	5 00
Donham, G. M. supplies	2 50
Doak, Carleton Bd. of Registration	156 00
Doak, Carleton Sec. Bd. Assessors	595 00
Doak, Carleton Recording Statistics	433 75
Doak, Carleton Election Officer	24 00
Dow, E. C. Election Officer	4 00
Ellis, F. E. Officer Duty Etc.	23 74

Edgecomb, Percy	Election Officer	4 00
Fahy, Warren	Election Clerk	2 00
Fairbanks Bros.	Supplies	4 96
Ferguson, J. W.	Election Clerk	8 00
Flanders, Everett	Election Clerk	6 00
Fletcher, Willis	Election Clerk	2 00
French, Harold	Election Clerk	6 00
Frisbee, Geo.	Truant Officer etc.,	32 42
Frisbee, Geo. O.	Election Clerk	2 00
Frost, Edwin	Election Clerk	2 00
Gilmore Heirs	Watering Tub	5 00
Gilmore, S. P.	Election Clerk	2 00
Gray, Pearle	Election Clerk	8 00
Gray, W. H.	Collecting Dog Tax etc.	9 44
Greer, F. A.	Election Clerk	8 00
Gurley, W. & L. E.	Supplies	1 08
Hatch, W. S.	Election Clerk & Team	6 00
Harriman, Percy	Conveying Insane	10 00
Hart, Everett	Election Clerk	2 00
Haley, J. K.	Election Clerk	2 00
Hall, Donald	Election Clerk	2 00
Hall, Ellis Co.	Supplies	66
Harcourt, Geo.	Election Clerk	2 00
Harding & Rackliffe,	roofing.	1 33
Hart, A. C.	Watering Tub	5 00
Hassen, A. W.	Election Clerk	6 00
Hatch, W. G.	Election Clerk & Team	10 00
Hayford Block Co.	Use of Room for Election	40 00
Horne, F. O. J.	Constable Service	88 49
Keene, F. R.	Election Clerk	4 00
Keene, W. K.	Mayor's Salary	150 00
Knowlton, C. M.	Use of Hall for Election	44 00
Knowlton, M. R.	Services on Bd. of Health	9 00
Larrabee, P.	Election Clerk	2 00

Logan, R. C. Election Clerk	8 00
Ladd, Henry B. Clerk City Council	25 00
Lord, G. O. Election Clerk	2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	25 75
Mason, W. A. Bd. Registration etc.,	158 00
Mayo, Emery Election Clerk	2 00
McMahon, J. A. Election Clerk	4 00
McMahon, L. E. Election Clerk	8 00
Mixer, F. G. supplies	3 80
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. Rentals	8 17
Noyes, Carle Election Clerk	2 00
O'Connell, Chas. Bd Registration.	255 00
O'Leary, John Putting up Booths	13 24
Olsen, P. A. Election Clerk	6 00
Parker, John Election Clerk	2 00
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co. supplies	1 50
Poole, C. L. Election Clerk	10 00
Poor & Son, Med. Poor Farm	30 49
Preston, W. G. Team Hire	3 00
Putnam, L. D. Election Clerk	6 00
Russ, R. F. Election Clerk	6 00
Rolerson, Adelbert Election Clerk	10 00
Republican Journal Co. Printing	76 70
Ritchie, Arthur Bd. of Registration	48 00
Robbins, Fred Use of Hall	10 00
Robbins, L. Election Clerk	2 00
Robinson, W. L. Inspecting Bldg.	24 00
Rogers, J. F. Repairing Sprinkler	50
Rogers, R. W. Insurance Prem.	52 50
Rolerson, R. L. Serving Papers	11 12
Rolerson, Roscoe Use of Auto	2 50
Savery, Fred Election Clerk etc	23 00
Sargent, Chas. Insurance.	7 00
Staples, Beverly Election Clerk	10 00

Sanborn, Fred	Collecting Dog Tax	8 00
Saunders, Theodore	Asst. Assessors	12 25
Sellers, H. B.	Reporting Marriages	5 00
Shaw, Minnie	Maintaining Watering Tub	5 00
Sibley, Edw.	Commission etc.	181 42
Small, Dr. Elmer	Reporting deaths and births and examining Insane	22 75
Smalley, H. H.	Election Clerk	10 00
Southworth, R. D.	Election Clerk	2 00
Staples, Norman	Election Clerk	2 00
Stevens, Dr. Carl	Services bd. of Health and reporting deaths and births	40 00
Stevens, Dr. E. L.	Examining Insane and re- porting deaths and births.	14 25
Thomas, Chas.	Election Clerk	2 00
Thayer, Wm.	Care City Clock	26 50
Thompson, Volney	½ Cost of Wagon	25 00
Todd, G. W. Co.	Express	44
Toothaker, Harry	Col. Dog Tax etc.	38 75
Townsend, C. A.	Election Clerk	2 00
Townsend, Walter	Election Clerk	8 00
Union Safe Deposit & Tr.	Bond	62 50
Vickery, Dr.	Health Officer	78 30
Wadsworth, Alberta	Posting Books	25 00
Waldo Co. Herald Pub. Co.	Pub. Notices	116 42
Waldo Co.	Register of Deeds, Searching records.	10 00
Wescott, C. W.	Telegrams & Expense trip to Portland	11 28
West, Dr. W. L.	Medicine	10 00
West, Dr. W. L.	Overseer Poor	60 00
West, Dr. W. L.	Milk Inspector	50 00
White, Newell	Printing City Report	123 50
Weymouth, Geo.	Salary Street Com.	920 00
Weymouth, Geo.	Use of Auto, labor on Grand stand, Ball Ground etc.	129 00
Wight, W. E.	Doctors fee	2 00

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Wilson, A. E. Reporting Marriages	3 00
Wilson, Dr. E. A. Ex. Insane....	5 00
Wilson, F. I. Election Clerk	2 00
Woodcock & Son, supplies	149 53
Wyman, C. F. Election Clerk	10 00
Young, Margaret Assisting Treasurer ...	18 75
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HIGHWAYS.

Achorn, Eugene, gravel.	\$ 16 30
American Express Co., express	1 83
Bailey, F. M., lumber	19 80
Belfast Foundry & Mch. Co., supplies	55 80
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., fuel	75 15
Blazo, W. W., Trucking & rock	255 85
Brier, S., rock	3 38
Brown, Clarence, gravel	5 50
Burgess, H. O., repairing	1 40
Clark, Jas. H., tile	15 00
Clay, Olive, gravel	2 15
Consumers Fuel Co., fuel	120 90
Colson, E., supplies	12 62
Cooper & Co., supplies	22 50
Cooper & Co. supplies	448 11
Cottrell, Emery, gravel	64 80
Davis, B. L., Cedar rails	27 60
Durham, Jas., lumber and supplies	377 44
Dyer, G. B., stone	5 50
Ford, C., gravel	2 50
Flood, Stillman, gravel	90
Floyd, Fred, rock	7 88
Goodhue & Co., supplies	11 09

Gray, H. L., lumber	31 90
Hall, Ellis Co., supplies	234 86
Hall, V. L., lumber	52 98
Hallowell & Estes, repairs.	60
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	100 20
Holmes, F. A., plank and supplies	59 23
Holmes, F. H., gravel	1 00
Howes, A. A. Co. supplies	15 87
Jackson & Hall, oil	91 10
Keech, F. W., posts and supplies	28 30
Knowlton, Chas., gravel	13 05
Knowlton, Mrs. L. A., gravel	67 65
Marsh, G. E. rock	71 91
Mitchell & Trussell, supplies	20
Mosher, R. H., supplies	98
Newcomb, S. W., gravel	7 80
Patterson, A. H. oil and gasolene	32 03
Perkins, Jas., rock	69 07
Piper, E. P., gravel	2 50
Preston, W. G., Use of horse	5 00
Read Garage & Mch. Co., supplies	15 43
Sellers, W. P., gravel	5 50
Staples & Estes, labor	75
Strout & Rogers, blacksmithing	19 70
Swan, Whitten & Bickford, supplies	4 20
Townsend, C. A., labor	4 40
Townsend Bros., graveling	300 00
Warren, R. W., gravel	29 80
Wentworth, H. H., gravel	15 00
Weymouth, Geo. highway payrolls,	7 619 26
Whitten, H. L. Co., oil	11
Wright, John E., supplies & labor	1 38

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MACHINERY AND TOOLS.

American Express Co., express	\$ 5 54
Belfast Foundry & Mch. Co., supplies	6 25
Buffalo Steam Roller Co. supplies	1 16
Burgess, H. O., repairing	7 15
Burgess, John A., blacksmithing.	2 10
Good Roads Machinery Co., supplies	2 50
Goodhue & Co., supplies	17 07
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	109 81
Hall-Ellis Co. supplies	7 20
Hall-Ellis Co. supplies	117 61
Hallowell & Estes, labor	80
International Harvester Co. supplies	60 65
Jones & Snow, supplies	3 23
Lord & Co., supplies	30
Mitchell & Trussell, supplies	6 38
New Eng. Road Mch. Co., supplies	189 30
Pattershall, R. W., supplies	8 75
Pierce, Warren B., blacksmithing	8 15
Preston, W. G., storage room	13 00
Read Garage Co., labor and supplies.	112 38
Strout & Rogers, labor and supplies	119 90
Staples & Estes, labor and supplies.	58 25
Weymouth, George, supplies, express etc.,	186 87
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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Annis, Bert, police duty	\$ 125 00
Baker, Isaac, police duty	2 00
Brierly, E. B., police duty	7 50
Cox, J. N., Use of Auto	1 50
Chase & Doak, supplies	85

Crockett, Chas. police duty	62 00
Davis, B. L., uniforms	204 25
Dickey, C. G., labor	13 20
Ellis, Fred, salary	31 80
Frisbee, Geo. W., salary City Marshall	414 01
Gray, W. H., police duty	442 00
Hall, Ellis Co., supplies	2 00
Hammons, L. W., police duty	16 68
Harriman, Percy, police duty	2 00
Nason, F. P., salary police	96 50
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., rentals	5 59
Nickerson, Jas. A., police	4 00
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., supplies	16 55
Preston, W. G., team hire	2 50
Rolerson, Chad., police duty	22 00
Rolerson, R. L., police duty	96 50
Sanborn, Fred, police duty	220 00
Smith, H. P., police duty	2 00
Spinney, F. G., fixing suit	3 50
Staples, W. H., police duty	3 00
Toothaker, H. B., salary	652 00
Wanning, S., salary	14 00
Webb, John, salary	2 00
Wentworth, H. H. salary	2 00
White, Edmund, salary	26 68
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	\$2 493 61

SEWERS.

Ames, Ralph, pipe	\$ 16 50
Bangor Pub. Co., Adv. sewer	5 40
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., fuel	40 05
Belfast Foundry & Mch. Co., supplies	4 80
Belfast Water Co., water	8 59

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Blazo, W. W., labor	1 00
Brown, Chas. E., dynamite	50 00
Cooper & Co., supplies	358 95
Darby, Geo. H. flushing sewers	3 00
Durham, J. C. Co., supplies	3 82
Freedman, S. chain	2 00
Farrow, H. P., services	12 00
Goodhue & Co., supplies	1 01
Hall, Ellis Co. supplies	36 01
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	22 95
Hayes, A. D., labor	8 00
Holmes, Fred A., supplies	1 50
Howes Co., A. A., supplies	7 19
Lord & Co., supplies	11 47
O'Leary, John, supplies	3 30
Patterson, A. H. supplies	6 29
Sanderson's Market, salt	1 40
Shute, Alfred, flushing sewers	4 50
Smith, Harold supplies	9 30
Weymouth, Geo. sewer payroll	1 385 05

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SIDEWALKS.

Barrett Co., supplies	\$ 93 90
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., fuel	28 30
Belfast Trucking Co., trucking	2 48
Blazo, W. W., hauling rock	58 79
Consumers Fuel Co., fuel	24 00
Cooper & Co., supplies	49 78
Durham, J. C. Co., supplies	6 58
Field, Ben D., supplies	3 33
Hall, Ellis Co., supplies	11 99
Howes, A. A. Co., supplies	5 26

Knowlton, Mrs. L. A., Gravel	22 50
Newcomb, S. W. sand	43 50
Preston, W. G., Use of stall	6 00
Stewart, Mrs. J. N., Use of Jack screws	1 50
Thompson, C. F., plank	102 82
Toothaker, H. B., sand	4 00
Weymouth, Geo., payroll	1 301 08
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	\$1 765 81

FREE LIBRARY.

A. L. A. Pub. Boar, dues	\$ 3 00
Abbott, Frances, salary	20 00
Barnard & Co., supplies	99 86
Barr, Annie L., salary	460 00
Barr, Annie L., sundries	36 17
Bass Pub. Co., supplies	1 50
Bay View Reading Club, magazine	3 00
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., fuel	159 50
Blodgett, Alvin, repairs	2 15
Bowker, R. R. Co., Journal	2 00
Burgess, Elizabeth, printing	6 25
Chase & Doak, repairs to clock	3 75
Clark, Henry, janitor	180 00
DeWitt & Fiske, supplies	3 56
Dodd Mead Co., supplies	6 30
Doubleday Page Co., magazine	2 00
Field, Ben D., supplies	1 13
Frost Adaams Co., supplies	1 62
Fuller Ink Co., supplies	85
Gaylord Bros. supplies	2 00
Goodhue & Co., repairs to roof	15 65
Hall, Ellis Co. supplies	90
Hall, Grace, salary	330 00

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Hamilton, W. E., filling urns	2 50
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	2 61
Lauriat, Chas. E. Co., supplies	294 83
Logan, Chas. A., trucking	4 10
Lord, M. W., magazines	88 95
Malken, H., supplies	1 50
Mitchell & Trussell, repairs	1 00
National Geographic Co., supplies	2 00
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., Lights and supplies	47 58
Robbins, Alonzo, shoveling snow	8 00
Sargent, Pooler, books	1 80
Union Library Assn., dues	5 79
Weymouth, Geo. hauling ashes	3 00
Wilson, H. W., supplies	24 00
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	\$1 728 85

LITTLE RIVER BRIDGE.

Cooper & Co., supplies	\$ 25 70
Elwell, Geo., gravel	22 70
Hall, Ellis Co., supplies	18 68
Hoag, F. L., labor	175 00
Jackson, Geo., gravel	23 70
Weymouth, Geo., payroll	954 30
Whitcomb, W. F., posts	8 00
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	\$ 1 228 08

CITY TEAM.

Burgess, H. O., labor	\$ 18 80
Burgess, John A., blacksmithing	31 10
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., hay and straw	49 22

Cooper & Co., supplies	24 15
Darling, J. B. supplies and services	12 00
Greenlaw, B. B., material and labor	159 63
Hall, Ellis Co., supplies	10 29
Jackson & Hall, feed	235 70
Lord & Co., supplies	9 25
Mathews & Tyler, supplies	42 10
Patterson, A. H., repairs and supplies	45 34
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., supplies	30
Poor & Son, supplies	95
Preston, W. G., stabling and straw	42 00
Strout & Rogers, blacksmithing	15 10
Thompson, T. S., expense of committee to Boston and freight	44 00
West, Dr. W. L., stabling and straw	89 04
Weymouth, Geo., payroll	636 00
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	\$1 464 97

CITY BUILDING

Aborn, Jas., labor	\$ 75
Blodgett, Alvin, repairs	25
Belfast Fuel & Hay, fuel	156 45
Booker, W. H., labor	1 50
Carle & Jones, supplies	2 39
City Drug Store, supplies	10 30
Connell, Thos., repairs	65
Consumers Fuel Co., fuel	395 76
Clark, Henry, shoveling snow	5 00
Clark, Henry, janitor	192 50
Cooper & Co., supplies	27 00
Durham, J. C., supplies	6 67
Field, B. D., supplies	18 81
Field & Quimby, Insurance	76 20

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Goodhue & Co., supplies	30 51
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	12 47
Hall, Ellis Co., supplies	1 64
Hoag, Frank, labor	18 11
Howes, A. A., supplies	10
Jackson & Hall, phosphate	5 55
Lord, M. W., Insurance	76 50
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., rentals	7 54
Nichols, L. A., labor	3 02
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., gas, elec., supplies	232 59
Robbins, Alonzo, grading	28 00
Rogers, R. W., Insurance	38 25
Sargent, Chas., Insurance	54 00
Stewart, Mrs. J. N., use of Jackscrews	1 50
Wescott, C. W., having snow cleared	9 00
Weymouth, George, hauling ashes and grading, payroll	50 30
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	\$1 463 33

PAUPERS.

Belfast Fuel & Hay Co. fuel	\$ 45 20
Blazo, W. W., wood	1 00
Carter, P. D. H., groceries	5 94
Colburn, A., shoes	9 10
Coombs, Co. H. H., supplies	75
Davis, B. L., supplies	4 90
Dinsmore Store, shoes	7 00
Dutch Bros., supplies	3 14
Field, Ben D., groceries	23 19
Hayford, Ralph	2 651 84
Howes, A. A., groceries	64 04
Howes, Jas. H., supplies	1 50
Poor & Son, medicine	9 40

Ritchie, Arthur, rent and services	15 00
Rockport, Town of, pauper charge	5 53
Southworth, R. D., clothing	7 30
Swift, Chas. F., groceries	28 19
Webber, L. A., shoes	2 00
West, W. L., phones, messages, etc.	14 56
Whitten, H. L., groceries	94
Young, Frank, groceries	10 52
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STATE PAUPERS.

Hayford, Ralph, board of State paupers	\$ 136 50
Hayford, Ralph, Board of State Paupers	431 60
Millett, Dr., attending pauper	4 00
Poor & Son, medicine	65
Ritchie, Arthur, Affidavit	2 00
Small, Dr. Foster, services	12 00
West, Dr. W. L., deporting Pauper	14 50
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	\$ 601 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

American Express Co., express	\$ 4 77
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co. , fuel	30 45
Belfast Hook & Ladder, payroll	448 15
Belfast Trucking Co., hauling appar.	10 00
Belfast Water Co., water	11 56
Berry & Curtis, Use of Auto	8 00
Blazo, W. W. hauling appar	203 00
Booker, W. H., care of alarm and labor	35 20

Boston, Woven Hose Co., supplies	360 00
Carter, Russell, labor	22 87
Chemical No. 1, janitor service	34 75
City Drug Store, supplies	2 55
Clifford, Walter, hauling men	10 00
Clough, I. T., salary	35 00
Consumers Fuel Co., fuel	28 10
Cook, E. L., salary	35 00
Cooper & Co., supplies	85
Cox, J. N., Use of Car	2 00
Cunningham, Roy E., services	5 25
Darby, Geo. H., janitor	43 00
Darby, Ralph, posting notices	6 00
Dickey, C. G., care alarm and labor	143 60
Fiske Harris Co., supplies	27 50
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., supplies	56 63
Goodhue & Co., supplies	6 22
Goodrich & Co., firemen's Coats	38 31
Grether Fire Equip. Co., supplies	13 02
Hall-Ellis Co., supplies	25 73
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	10 10
Home Furnishing Co., supplies	7 50
Howard Clock Co., dials	8 00
Howes, A. A., supplies	15 03
Horne, F. O., labor and supplies	17 60
Jones Guage Co., supplies	5 15
Littlefield, M., labor	2 50
Mathews & Tyler, labor and supplies	5 00
Mayo, Emery, labor	2 50
McKeen, H. S., hauling appar	70 00
Miller, Albert, labor	15 94
Mitchell & Trussell, supplies	2 74
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co., rentals	76 60
Norton, B. O., hauling appar.	5 00
Old Corner Drug Store, Rubber Gloves	3 50
Patterson, A. H., supplies	12 50

Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., supplies and lights . . .	17 25
Poor & Son, supplies	6 20
Robbins, L. L., hauling appar.	27 50
Rolerson, R. L., Use of Auto	3 00
Seaside Hose Co., payroll	415 25
Shute, S. S. L., salary and extra labor	66 75
Stephenson, Chas., labor	2 50
Washington Hose Co. payroll	890 75
Wescott, C. W., cash	8 00
Wescott, C. W., freight on engine	44 55
Whitcomb, M. R., hauling appar.	5 00
Wood, Gilbert, labor	2 50
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	\$3 396 62

CEMETERIES

Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., fuel	\$ 4 20
Belfast Water Co., water	18 00
Fernald, J. F., labor payroll	492 45
Gray, H. L., care of Cemetery	5 00
Merriam, Victor, care of Cemetery	10 30
Newcomb, S. W., sand	34 80
Pendleton, Emery, labor	7 00
Staples, B. S., labor	5 00
Wight, Nelson, care of Cemetery	5 00
Wright & Wylie, plumbing	1 40
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	\$ 583 15

STREET LIGHTS

Penobscot Bay Elec. Co., lighting and supplies . . .	\$4 840 95
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HIGH SCHOOL FUEL.

Consumers Fuel Co., fuel	\$ 366 88
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HIGH SCHOOL JANITOR.

Bucklin, H. L., janitor	\$ 275 00
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CHICKENS AND SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Charged to State.

Black, Martin, On committee to adjust claim of sheep killed by dogs.	\$ 5 00
Berry, John, on committee to adjust claim of sheep killed by dogs	5 00
Dolloff, Mark, Chickens killed by dogs	16 00
Hall, W. L., On committee to adjust claim of sheep killed by dogs.	5 00
Piper, Ernest, sheep killed by dogs	472 75
Ritchie, Elijah, witness	1 50
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	\$ 505 25

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS.

Nye, Frank A., burial of soldiers.	\$ 77 00
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TOWN OF BROOKS.

Blazo, W. W., team hire	\$ 5 00
Belfast Fire Dept. services	43 00
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	\$ 48 00

STREET SPRINKLING

Norton, B. O., sprinkling	\$ 574 60
Rogers, John, repairing sprinkler.	3 00
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	\$ 577 60

TOWN OF NORTHPORT.

Strout & Rogers, supplies	\$ 1 00
Hoag, F. H., labor on bridge,	\$ 175 00
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	\$ 176 00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND.

Fernald, J. F., payroll	\$ 540 50
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TEACHERS, HIGH SCHOOL.

Achorn, Leona	Salary ..	\$ 631 05
Banks, Onie	"	510 90
Cobb, H. P.	"	427 60
Faulkner, W. T.	"	745 89
Faulkner, Mrs. W. T.	"	86 48
Hazeltine, Marion	"	226 94
Parker, Melvina	"	631 05
Proctor, C. W.	"	529 64
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		\$3 789 55

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Abernethy, Isabelle	Salary	\$ 153 54
Abbott, Frances	"	40 00
Adams, Annie	"	394 96
Avery, Mabel	"	77 00
Banks, E. A.	"	78 00
Beckwith, Vergie	"	382 00
Black, Annie	"	399 96
Charles, Bessie	"	33 00

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Cilley, Ida	"	396 00
Clark, Ella	"	362 00
Cross, Florence	"	430 54
Cross, Phebe	"	399 96
Eminons, Grace	"	399 96
Evans, Esther	"	450 00
Ginn, Emeroy	"	2 50
Hartshorn, Z. D.	"	961 16
Holmes, Evelyn	"	192 50
Kimball, Florence	"	399 96
Kimball, Ruth	"	399 96
Knight, Sarah	"	6 40
Ladd, Henry	"	140 00
Learr, Julia	"	381 42
Leavitt, R.	"	331 40
Lord, Grace	"	453 62
Neal, Mildred	"	388 85
Pitcher, Emma	"	424 52
Rockwood, Helen	"	357 60
Syracuse, Amy	"	243 42
Savery, Ethel	"	385 00
Sargent, Fannie	"	155 54
Staples, Charlotte	"	38 00
Tibbetts, Mildred	"	388 96
Townsend, Maude	"	395 96
Wadsworth, Alberta	"	457 25
Walton, Grace	"	441 00
Wentworth, Eva	"	242 00
Woodbury, Mary	"	393 00
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		\$11 667 94

GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Averill, Mabel	janitor	\$ 4 50
Brown, Edith	janitor	38 00

Bucklin, Herbert	janitor	385 00
Bakeman, Rose	janitor	4 40
Beckwith, Vergie	janitor	12 50
Belmont, Town of	tuition	10 50
Belfast Fuel & Hay Co.	fuel	841 20
Carter, H.	fuel	11 50
Cilley, Ida	janitor	18 00
Cunningham, Ralph	janitor	8 00
Consumers Fuel Co.	fuel	477 12
Ellis, Raymond	janitor	9 20
Elms, J. H.	fuel	12 00
Frost, Edwin	janitor	48 00
Greenlaw, D. C.	fuel	14 00
Holmes, H. F.	fuel	1 00
Holmes, H. F.	fuel	8 00
Howard, C. R.	fuel	57 50
Knowlton, Ezra	fuel	8 50
Knowlton, Sidney	janitor	6 00
Ladd, Henry	janitor	23 00
Lamb, E. W.	fuel	12 00
Lufkin, Maurice	janitor	10 00
McCorrison, N.	janitor	11 50
Nickerson, Fred	janitor	5 50
O'Leary, John	janitor	293 55
Payson, L. A.	fuel	24 00
Peavy, E. C.	fuel	44 00
Redman, P. B.	fuel	42 00
Rockwood, Helen	janitor	12 50
Savery, Ethel	janitor	13 00
Smith, Armond	janitor	11 50
Trundy, Chas.	janitor	3 00
Varnum, Mrs Walter	janitor	24 00
Woodbury, Mary	janitor	18 25
Woodbury, W. B.	janitor	18 72

\$2 551 44

HIGH SCHOOL.

American Book Co. books	\$ 1 96
Central Scientific Co. supplies	196 10
Dutton & Co. supplies	2 87
Ginn & Co. supplies	55 71
Knott Co. supplies	1 33
Noble & Noble supplies	1 41
Phonographic Institute supplies	1 87
Remington Typewriter Co. supplies	30 00
Royal Typewriter Co. typewriter	75 00
Smith, L. C. supplies	10 00
Underwood Typewriter Co. supplies	35 00
Transferred to High School	500 79
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	\$ 912 04

SCHOOL CHARITY

Colburn, A. C. shoes etc.	\$ 46 65
Dinsmore Store shoes	31 79
Timm, Fred shoes	42 04
Webber, L. A. shoes	29 92
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	\$ 150 00

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Armstrong, Leo	transportation	\$ 18 75
Cobb, Asa	"	30 00
Edgecomb, Percy	"	130 00
Emery, John	"	18 00
Hall, Chas.	"	156 00
Hills, Leslie	"	10 00
Holmes, H. Fair	"	5 67

Holmes, H. Fair	"	192 00
Knowlton, E. H.	"	556 50
Noyes, J. H.	"	370 00
Pattershall, R. W.	"	252 00
Pitcher, Emma	"	42 50
Roberts, Mrs. Harry	"	10 50
Smith, Edgar L.	"	183 00
Toothaker, F. L.	"	91 00
Whitcomb, W. H.	"	91 00
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		\$2 156 92

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Woodbury, W. B. Supt.	\$ 600 00
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FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Allyn & Bacon, books	\$ 1 70
American Book Co, books	138 18
Atkinson Mentzer Co., supplies	1 87
Babb Co., E. E., books	615 55
Birchard & Co., supplies	31 89
Babb Merrill, books	1 14
Bradley Milton Co., supplies	174 80
Burgess, Elizabeth, supplies	9 35
Davis & Bond, supplies	81
Durham, J. C., supplies	2 50
Field, Ben D. supplies	19 47
Frisbee, Bros., supplies	3 04
Ginn & Co, books	101 36
Hammett, J. L., books	15 68
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	3 58
Heath & Co., D. C., books	27 03

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Howes, A. A. Co., supplies	17 05
Jackson, Geo. T., supplies	14 00
LaSelle Extention Co., supplies	6 38
Little Brown Co., supplies	1 72
McMillian Co., supplies	4 92
McKinley Pub. Co., supplies	7 25
Mitchell & Trussell, supplies	1 35
Palmer Co., books	64 88
Palmer Co., supplies	63 92
Parker, Melvena, books	1 40
Partridge, Chas. F., books	1 00
Patterson Music Co., supplies	6 25
Phonographic Institute, books	5 26
Pioneer Mfg., Co., supplies	1 40
Rand McNally Co., books	11 20
Sawyer, C. O., supplies	75
Shaw, Walker Co., supplies	20 43
Silver Burdett Co., books	86 32
Southworth Printing Co., supplies	1 05
Starrett, H. V., supplies	1 90
United States Paper Co., supplies	19 40
Waldo County Herald, printing	22 78
Wordwell Co., supplies	8 18
White, Newall, supplies	5 25
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	\$1 521 99

SCHOOL REPAIRS AND INSURANCE.

Booker, W. H., wiring	\$ 44 71
Bucklin, H. L., labor	30 95
Colby, W. O., repairs	61 17
Consumers Fuel Co., repairs to Coal Bin	1 16
Cooper & Co., supplies	76 25
Crockett, Chas. labor	22 50

Durham, J. C., supplies	59 61
Fogg, Roy, labor	1 00
Goodhue & Co., repairs	152 11
Hall-Ellis Co., supplies	38 71
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	23 93
Hoag, Frank, labor	169 11
Howes, Jas. H., supplies	1 00
Knowlton, Harry, repairs	9 00
Lord, M. W., Insurance	18 52
Ludwick, Chas. A., repairs	6 83
Mathews Bros., repairs	29 63
Mitchell & Trussell, supplies	2 90
O'Connor, Chas., labor	2 00
O'Leary, John, labor	4 50
Pattee & Sons, Insurance	10 11
Philbrick, Wm., painting	3 65
Stephenson, Wm., labor	22 50
Welch, M. W., labor	26 70
Weymouth, Geo., repairs	4 00
Wilson, F. I., Insurance	30 00
Wright, John E., supplies and labor	34 95
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	\$ 887 50

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Abbott, Frances, labor	\$ 16 95
Aborn, J. G., labor	3 85
American Express, express	20 73
Auburn Brush Co., supplies	1 50
Bakeman, S. A., labor	17 25
Belfast Trucking Co., trucking and freight	15 17
Blodgett, Avlin, repairs	1 15
Burgess, Elizabeth, printing	6 35
Carle & Jones, supplies	9 40

Chase & Doak, supplies	1 25
Clark, Frank, labor and gravel	17 00
Colby, W. O., labor	1 20
Collins, Henry, grading	3 00
Collins, Herbert, oiling floors	6 00
Collins, M., shoveling snow	8 00
Colonial Theatre, use of hall	50 00
Cooper & Co., supplies	8 32
Corbin P. & E., keys	50
Cunningham Bros., supplies	60
Emery, E. E., cleaning	3 50
Field, G. L., making flag pole	12 00
Goodhue & Co., supplies	12 50
Hall-Ellis Co., supplies	31 40
Harding & Rackliffe, supplies	10 69
Hoag, Frank, fixing pole	3 25
Home Furnishing Co., supplies	1 30
Howes, A. A. Co., supplies	10 58
Howes, J. H., supplies	1 20
Hurd, Sarah, cleaning	3 00
Jackson & Hall, supplies	2 00
Jones & Snow, supplies	16 95
Jones, Leslie, supplies	75
Knowlton, D. H., supplies	3 50
Mathew Bros., fuel	70
McDonald, H. E., chairs	13 20
Mendall, U. S., shoveling snow	8 00
Mixer, F. G., supplies	3 25
Mosher, R. H., brooms	95
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., rentals	29 67
O'Leary, John, labor	4 10
Orient Spray Co., supplies	11 70
Pattershall, R. W., use of Field	25 00
Peavy, E. C., labor	8 50
Penobscot Bay Elec. Co. lights, gas, etc.	150 84
Robbins, Alonzo, labor	24 75

Robbins, Arthur, labor	...	8 71
Robinson, Archie, school athletics		25 00
Sanborn, Percy, engraving		5 40
Savery, Fred, labor	....	15 00
Swift, Chas. F., grass seed	....	2 16
Wellesley Mfg. Co., supplies	...	10 18
Wentworth, Henry, cleaning	..	4 50
Weymouth, Geo., hauling ashes etc.	.	25 25
Whitehead, Elmer, trucking	....	1 45
Whitten, H. L. Co., broom		50
Wight, W. E., hauling ashes	75
Woodbury, W. B., supplies	...	10 37
Wright & Wylie, labor	...	5 70
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		\$ 699 38

LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Rogers, R. W., liability insurance	..	\$ 768 98
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MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Vickery, O. S.	\$ 100 00
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BROWN TAIL MOTH ACCOUNT.

Weymouth, Geo., labor	...	\$ 12 00
Weymouth, Geo., labor	93 60
Wescott, C. W., cash advanced	100 00
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		\$ 205 60

AUDITOR'S NOTE.—The Auditor's report covers only bills which have actually been on the roll of accounts, and does not include any bills which have been passed by the city government on the mayor's orders as such bills are independent of the auditor.

H. H. COOMES, Auditor.

Tax Collector's Report

Belfast, Me., April 2, 1917.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILMEN
OF THE CITY OF BELFAST

Gentlemen:

Below you have my report of the Collection of Taxes
for 1916 to and including this date:-

Total Commitment		885 511 75
Interest on Bank Deposits		22 85
Disposed of as follows:—		
Paid City Treasurer	\$78 535 00	
Abatements	2 659 78	
Discount on Taxes	1 345 02	
Belfast Water Co. bills	1 550 90	
Tax Deeds	588 51	
Cash on Hand	18 76	
Balance Uncollected	836 63	
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	885 534 60	885 534 60

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD SIBLEY, Coll.

Report of Committee on Finance, Accounts and Claims

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BELFAST,
Gentlemen:

We have verified the books, accounts and trust funds of the City Treasurer as represented by the final Trial Balance, and have destroyed by burning canceled coupons from Bonded Debt as follows:

Nov. 1, 1915	\$ 2 240 00
Feb. 15, 1916	9 460 00
May 1, 1916	2 260 00
Aug. 15, 1916	9 360 00
Nov. 1, 1916	2 260 00
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	\$25 580 00

Coupons outstanding and unpaid as of March 8, 1917 are as follows:

No. 398 due Feb. 15, 1908	\$ 20 00
180 " Feb. 15, 1915	20 00
43 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
69 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
136 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
311 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
312 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
314 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
427 " Aug. 15, 1916	20 00

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447	"	Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
457	"	Aug. 15, 1916	20 00
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			\$ 220 00
Payable, Feb. 15, 1917			\$9 540 00
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			\$9 760 00

There is on deposit in cash \$220.00 toward the payment of these outstanding coupons.

Payment of one year's interest to March 1, 1917 has been endorsed on the \$22,000 Memorial Hall Association bonds, which are owned by the Belfast Free Library and which matured March 1, 1916.

We call your attention particularly to the final Trial Balance of the City as presented by the Treasurer, which is concise in form, simple to understand, and genuine in its values. Practically all valueless Assets have been charged off and eliminated. There has been thus charged off during the year belonging to previous Administrations \$2,170.80. The 1916 City Government paid its own bills, reduced the City's actual indebtedness \$191.66, and increased unexpended appropriation balances \$331.14.

All departments of the city that call for the expenditure of funds are in splendid running condition and in shape to benefit the coming years by the large expenditures that have been necessary for school houses, bridges, rehabilitation of roads and streets and the forming of a substantial foundation in the City's financial structure on which to rebuild. Sufficient taxes should be assessed annually to gradually liquidate the local year-end indebtedness and again provide a working balance.

The custom followed for the past two years of submitting by the Treasurer at each monthly meeting of the City Government a full Trial Balance of the City should be made a permanent one.

The people should study these Trial Balances and become

conversant with them. Every Tax-payer should obtain a copy of the City's Annual Report, analyse it, and thereby know what the City Government is doing first hand instead of taking the information secondhand and often from those incorrectly informed. We also recommend that the Reports be analysed yearly in our Public Schools, that our young men and women may become intelligently interested in the City's affairs. They should be taught that Belfast is the best place to live in, not the worst, and should be encouraged to remain in Belfast and build up the City with new enterprises rather than migrate elsewhere and build up other cities. Money should be provided to establish new industries for them to engage in. When this is done, Belfast will grow and prosper as it never has prospered before. While we should welcome all healthy enterprises from without, the real growth of every community must come from within, from enticing its own people to remain and drawing others in. No niggardly policy toward the city's attractiveness should be countenanced.

Streets and sidewalks should be improved, sewers built, every effort made to make our City attractive to our young people and all those who come in and pass through it. Our schools should be standardized and made more efficient, so that people desiring to locate where they may educate their children would think of Belfast first. We have apparently digressed a bit in our report but not in reality, for money is what is needed to accomplish these things and the spending of the dollar which brings five in return and saves five more already expended is not only good business but brings success, growth, and happiness. This City is a \$3,000,000 corporation and needs to be handled in a broad-minded way as you would handle a \$3,000,000 business.

The controversy with the Water Company has been carried to a final conclusion before the Court and every contention of the City and the validity of the contract sustained. The importance of this result, though perhaps not fully real-

ized as yet, will be recognized and appreciated as time goes on by those who think for themselves. This decision establishes beyond question the fact that the City is to receive its Hydrant Service forever free after twenty years' payment on each Hydrant. Water pressure heretofore intermittent and most unsatisfactory is now steady and satisfactory, and the Company now recognizes its responsibility to furnish a satisfactory pressure according to contract at all hours of the day. The increase in water rates as of January 1 has been under investigation and at this writing is in shape to bring before the Public Utilities Commission in a contest of the increase of rates.

The recent increase of Insurance Rates on Dwellings has had the Mayor's attention and the matter should be further pursued and such precautions and regulations adopted as will speedily bring the City within the Schedule C. of the New England Insurance Exchange. The purchase of the new Fire Engine, now under lease, will be a factor toward this end.

The complete list of property owned, excepting school property, will be found in the Property Account.

C. W. WESCOTT,

RALPH H. HOWES,

W. C. LIBBEY.

Committee on Finance, Accts., and Claims.

Property Owned by the City of Belfast

REAL ESTATE.

City Park on Northport Avenue
Ball Ground so called on Congress Street.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

- 1 steam roller
- 1 horse roller
- 1 tripod steam drill
- 1 jack-hammer steam drill
- 1 steam boiler with 400 ft. of pipe and fittings
- 1 rock crusher plant with scales
- 1 Mogul tractor engine
- 1 Austin giant road grader
- 3 road machines
- 1 two-horse grader
- 2 street sprinklers
- 4 gravel wagons with rigs
- 2 wheel scrapers
- 2 hand scrapers.
- 1 wheel drag
- 1 stone drag
- 10 King drags
- 1 steel road drag
- 1 derrick
- 1 blacksmith shop with tools
- 1 two-horse dray wagon

1 wagon with dump cart
1 extra dump cart
1 snow roller
1 street sweeper
2 ploughs
1 road roter.
Tar kettle, brooms, crow-bars, wheel barrows, chains, hoes,
drills, hammers, etc.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Apparatus and findings belonging to the Fire Department, March 1, 1917.

AT CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

1 hose wagon
1 hose wagon
1 hose reel
1 ladder truck
1 gasoline engine
1 steam fire engine
500 ft. of ladders
3,000 ft. hose, 1st-class
1,000 ft. hose, good
500 ft. hose, fair
4 Boston play pipes
3 flexible pipes
4 service pipes
Axes, spanners, tips and miscellaneous fittings
Eastman deluge set and holder
6 chemical extinguishers
30 rubber coats
3 pairs blankets

AT HOSE NO. 2 HOUSE.

Building
1 hose pung

1,000 ft. hose
15 coats
Chemicals, spanners, 2 Boston pipes, 1 flexible pipe

AT CHEMICAL COMPANY, NORTH BELFAST

Building
Chemical engine
Ladder truck with ladders

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Switchboard and apparatus at Central Fire Station
Whistle machine
Auxiliary bells
Fire alarm boxes
Outside wiring (about 12 miles)
Water Gauge

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT.

1 Borroughs adding machine
1 Roll-top desk
Filing cases

Report of School Committee

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairman ex-officio, William R. Keene, Mayor of the City.

Chairman pro tem, Arthur A. Blair.

Secretary, Wm. B. Woodbury.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

Charles S. Bickford	Term expires	1918
Arthur A. Blair	" "	1917
Edwin Frost	" "	1917
O. E. Frost	" "	1917
Franklin A. Greer	" "	1918
Cassius Hamilton	" "	1917
Clarence M. Knowlton	" "	1918
Charles H. Twombly	" "	1918
Manley O. Wilson	" "	1918
Dr. O. S. Vickery	" "	1917

Standing Committees—Finance: O. E. Frost, Vickery, Wilson. Rules and Regulations: Greer, Knowlton, Hamilton, Text-Books and Course of Study: Bickford, Twombly, Frost.

Regular meetings of the Committee are held the last Monday of each month, 7.30 p. m., at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Superintendent of Schools, Wm. B. Woodbury, A. M., office hours at the City Building: Monday and Thursday, 8-9 a. m.; Tuesday and Friday, 3.30-4.30 p. m.; Saturday 10.30-11.30 a. m.

CALENDAR 1916-1917

- Fall Term, High School, commenced Sept. 5, 1916
Fall term, Grades, commenced Sept. 11, 1916.
State Teachers Meeting, Oct. 26-28.
Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 30,-Dec. 4.
Fall term closed Dec. 15, 1916.
Winter term commenced Jan. 1, 1917, will close Mar.
16.
Spring term will commence April 2, and close June 15.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:—

Gentlemen:

The School Board begs leave to submit the following report: It is unnecessary to dwell in detail upon the work of the past year as that has been done in the comprehensive report of the Superintendent. We are glad to commend the work of the Superintendent and teachers who have been most faithful in all their duties.

It would not seem that it is necessary for the Board to call your attention to the great need of a new building or buildings in which to house the Grammar and High Schools. Aside from the crowded condition of the present buildings, they are unsanitary, ill-ventilated, poorly lighted and without a redeeming feature as school buildings. It would seem that one visit to those buildings would convince anyone that the need for new accommodations is so imperative that action, resulting in new buildings, should be taken at once.

The Board would also call your attention to the fact that sooner or later the city must pay its grade teachers larger salaries. With the increased cost of living, there must also come an increase in income. The salaries of our teachers are much below those of teachers of other states and we must increase those salaries or we will lose the best teachers and

retain only the poorest. The appropriation for this department should be increased to meet the needs of its growth and improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. BLAIR,
Chairman.

Belfast, Me., Feb. 23, 1917.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, CITY OF BELFAST:

Sirs: I have the honor to submit herewith the report on schools covering the year ending Feb. 23, 1917.

The principal change of the year has been the transition from a nine year elementary system to one of eight years. The class graduating from the grammar school in June 1917 will be the last to leave having taken nine years previous to entering the High school. This saving of a year's time has been made possible by putting such subjects as Algebra, Bookkeeping and Commercial Geography, once taught in small doses in the grammar school, into the high school where more thorough drill is possible, by omitting from the new course subject matter now not generally considered essential; and by a general speeding up on a more definite outline of work than was previously at hand.

The omission of the ninth grade may rather be considered a step towards an adoption of some modification of the six and six plan than the permanent establishment of an eight and four system. The psychological underlying principle and the results obtained elsewhere, where the six and six plan is already in operation, would indicate the wisdom of a careful investigation of this system to learn what may be its value for Belfast.

Last year's outline of studies for grades I-VI, inclusive, has been of marked assistance; the completed outline for grades

VII-VIII has been delayed because of the desirability of conformity with the new state course of study that was expected in tentative form the first of the year, but has not yet been sent out. Another fall, however, should find the state course at hand and our own course, with its adaptation to local conditions, carefully conformed to it.

It was found possible, the first of November, to employ an expert writing master for the rural schools and primary buildings. There can be no question of Mr. E. A. Banks's proficiency in penmanship and under his skillful guidance, even thus early, there is promise of noticeable improvement in this most important line.

The work in music under Mrs. Pitcher has been proficient. With her help and the loyal cooperation of the public, each school building in the city, aside from the small rural schools, now has a Victor or Edison machine and a fair supply of musical records. Much has already been done in teaching musical appreciation and the plan developing may be depended upon to do much more for our boys and girls.

After careful investigation of school music in other communities the New Progressive Course in Music was put into the lower grades to be carried, later, into the upper grades. This, also, has proved a good move.

The different schools have given some very pleasing public entertainments during the year. Each performance, from the Shakespeare play of the high school seniors to the Christmas exercises of the first and second grades of the Pierce School, has been most worthy of the enthusiastic reception given it by the public. This work has been beneficial in training the children as well as furnishing funds needed for various school activities. It has also helped to show the public something of what the school children can do. Through it all, the regular work of the class room has been held of the greater importance and carefully guarded against unwise inroads.

The monthly teachers' meetings have been continued.

Bagley's Class room Management was studied last year and O'Shea's Everyday Problems is now being studied. The teachers are thinking and their reports on the Problems studied have helped both the giver and the receiver.

The High School has continued its growth, having in the Fall 160 pupils, the largest enrollment of its history. The figures for 1911 give 80 pupils; for 1912, 103; for 1913, 134; for 1914, 136; for 1915, 149; for 1916, 161; a growth of 100% in 6 years.

Wm. T. Faulkner of Ashland, Me., a graduate of the University of Maine succeeded Clarence W. Proctor, now studying at Columbia, as principal. A healthy interest in athletics and added efforts for raising the standard of scholarship have already resulted from his leadership.

The position of sub-master has been established in the belief that pupils of high school age should come more than they have previously under the influence of male teachers, and also in the belief that a second man in the school can help the principal in many ways. Harold P. Cobb of Searsmont, Me. graduate of Wesleyan was elected to fill this position. He has been giving faithful service.

Because of the size of the classes, due to the growth of the school, an extra teacher was authorized for the last half of the year. Mrs. W. T. Faulkner, a graduate of Colby with 8 years successful teaching experience, was hired.

After last year's experiment with the 2 sessions plan it was judged best to return to the former arrangement of 1 session with P. M. special study hours.

The commercial department has been strengthened through additional equipment, closer correlation with the other work of the school and the kindness of Hon. John Duntton, who, without pay, has lectured most acceptably on commercial law.

The laboratory apparatus has been added to and moved to the first floor, where more commodious quarters have been arranged. This has been a great improvement.

The work in public speaking and debating during the year has been gratifying.

In the rural schools all the teachers now stay noons to look after the pupils who bring their dinners. The warm cocoa and hot soup served are quite a contrast from the contents of the frozen dinner pails, and are most appetizing.

The Hayford school has been closed because of lack of pupils in that neighborhood.

Transportation routes were let out through bids, a system that resulted in a substantial saving to the city.

The old buildings have been kept in as good repair as possible and electric lights, much needed, have been put in the McLellan School.

While the needs of the schools are many, in closing I would specifically call your attention to the temporary special teacher of writing, who should be retained. Penmanship is still one of the "Three R's" and it would be a distinct step backwards to fail to keep as an established part of our system one who is so ably qualified for his work as Mr. E. A. Banks, the teacher we have had since November. These are the days of specialists and a specialist in penmanship can best keep the writing in schools properly graded from year to year and instill additional zeal in the pupils.

The pressing need of a new school building to house the grammar and high schools we must not pass over, however old the story. Sanitary conditions are the poorest, the grammar school cannot be warmed in the coldest weather, both buildings are crowded. Allowing for the graduation of the present senior class next June, and the dropping of others by the way, we still face a congestion in the High school at an early date. There are 45 pupils in the graduating class of the Central Grammar School, alone. These with this year's enrollment of 161, give 206, with no mention of those coming in from other schools. With the greatest possible crowding, only 174 desks can be placed in the two study rooms.

Electric lights are much needed in these buildings while

they still stand. On dark days during the late fall and early winter it is impossible to study in them without serious eye strain. To oblige our boys and girls to get their education at the expense of their physical welfare is wrong. The expense of installation of a reasonably satisfactory lighting system would be not over \$100. per building and the cost of operation could be reduced by the removal of the meter during the summer vacations and the part of the year when there is sufficient sunlight. This need should certainly be met.

None of our rural schools have proper lighting and only two have any ventilating system; they were built before the right principles of lighting and ventilating were understood. The cost of remodelling all the rural schools at one time would be too great, but \$200.—\$250. put out on one school as a model would make a good start in the right direction. The rural communities deserve as much attention and expenditure of money, in proportion, as the more thickly populated parts of the city.

Important as are suitable quarters, experienced, proficient teachers are even more so. A comparison of salaries paid teachers by communities comparable with Belfast shows that we are still seriously deficient in this most vital matter. We must pay our teachers what other places do or we shall lose our best teachers and retain the poorer ones, exactly the opposite of what wise management demands.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. WOODBURY.

Belfast, Me., Feb. 23, 1917.

TO WILLIAM B. WOODBURY, SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS, BELFAST, MAINE.

I herewith submit my first report of the progress and needs of the Belfast High School.

Your attention is called to the increased enrollment,

which made an addition to the teaching force a necessity. During the fall term there was a total of 161 different pupils registered with an average attendance of 148. This is a large increase over any previous record and is a healthy growth for any high school.

During the first half of the present school year many of the classes were much too large for efficient instruction, two having 40 or more pupils. These conditions are a detriment to any school so the school board, through your recommendation, elected Mrs. W. T. Faulkner to a position on our teaching force, thus relieving, in a measure, these undesirable conditions. Mrs. Faulkner is a graduate of Colby College, 1907, has a Master's Degree from the University of Maine, 1916, and has had eight years experience in high school work.

Much new apparatus was needed in the Physics Laboratory at the beginning of the year. This has been provided in a satisfactory manner for the first half year of the work; more will be needed to equip this department in a satisfactory way for the last part of the course. In 1918-19 Physics will again be offered and I suggest it will be well to have in mind that the course can be made much more attractive and be of more real benefit if a few much needed lecture-room pieces can be added at that time. I have been handicapped this year because of the lack of some pieces found in almost every school and I am sure that the pupils now taking the course could have obtained much more from the science could they have seen some of the more simple experiments performed. I have not felt like asking for this apparatus this year because of the heavy expense of the laboratory end above mentioned.

The study of music is occupying more attention than heretofore. Three half-hour periods per week are now devoted to this work by the whole school. Mr. Pitcher is doing good work with the first year classes in the history of music, while the two upper classes are receiving excellent instruction

in musical appreciation. The chorus work, by the entire school once a week, is being continued.

The annual senior class play was given in the Colonial Theatre the last week of the fall term. It was an unqualified success and much credit is due those whose time and efforts made it possible.

Outside of graduation the only entertainment now being planned is a play, to come early in the spring, for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The Tag Day, held early in the fall, placed the Association on a good financial basis but poor attendance at our games has used up the most of this. One of the chief benefits to be derived from school athletics is a feeling of loyalty for one's school and community and I believe parents would confer a lasting benefit upon their children if they would urge more to attend our school contests. It is because I believe athletics make better boys and men, through the exercise in self-reliance and self-control obtained, that I am willing to devote time to these school activities.

The Penobscot Bay Electric Company has kindly made us a temporary loan of wire enough to light the second floor on cloudy days and the gas lights have been fitted with mantles on the third floor so that the pupils may now do their work on dark days without injury to their eyes.

During the fall term there were 1479 cases of absence, tardiness or dismissal, an average of over twenty per day, or, looked at from another standpoint, more than nine per pupil for the term. Again, 52 pupils did not miss a single session and of these the majority were neither tardy nor dismissed. This reduces the above mentioned marks to a much smaller number of pupils and throws the blame upon those who are habitual offenders. If the parents would cooperate with us I am sure a much better showing might be made. I know that many of these cases were unavoidable and I also am quite sure that many were entirely unnecessary.

We are sending out mid-quarter reports to the parents whose children are doing poor or unsatisfactory work. In

this way we hope to eliminate some few of the failures by receiving the cooperation of their parents before it is too late.

Belfast High School can no longer be numbered among the small high schools of Maine. As a school of this type develops the administrative and executive work increases faster in proportion than the number of pupils. We are at a point now where some of the actual teaching should be taken from the principal, allowing him more time to supervise and correlate the various branches taught. Every teacher in the building is overworked, three of them teaching all seven periods. Under these conditions teachers are unable to do their best work so the efficiency of the school as a whole must suffer as a consequence. To make a well-rounded course in the Commercial Department, Commercial Law should be offered, which is impossible now. Opportunity for more practice on the typewriter should be provided. All of these desirable, almost imperative, conditions can only be realized by the addition of another teacher to our staff.

We need new blackboards. On all but two or three it is impossible to make a mark distinguishable across the room.

Curtains to darken the main room windows are a necessity if the Baloptician is to be used during day-light hours.

We have long since outgrown our present quarters and a new building is a pressing need.

The graduation exercises last year were a departure from the traditional. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was staged by the graduating class assisted by several underclassmen. The preparation of the play was a regular part of the work in English and the costumes were, for the most part, made at the schoolhouse. This type of graduation is in line with what is being done in the more progressive schools and something along this line should, if possible, be continued.

The following graduates received their diplomas last June: Doris Clifford, Harold Coombs, Marguerite Coombs, Maud Field, Hazel Fowles, Katherine Gurney, Margaret Innes, Robert Keating, Lillian Knowlton, Laura Mank,

Gladys Michaels, Nettie Nickerson, William Norris, Marguerite Owen, Geneva Perkins, Arlo Redman, Byron Salter, Doris Shorey, Richard Stephenson, Marion Waterman, Ada Webster, and Wesley Wood.

Doris Clifford is attending Shaw's Business College at Augusta; Katherine Gurney is in Shaw's Business College in Portland; Arlo Redman is at the University of Maine; Doris Shorey is enrolled at Castine Normal School; Marion Waterman is attending Colby College; Byron Salter is in the local high school doing post-graduate work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. FAULKNER,

TO MR. W. B. WOODBURY,
Superintendent of Schools,
City of Belfast, Maine.

I beg to submit the following report of work in the music department of our schools:—

GRADES.

In the first four grades of our city schools we have introduced and used the New Progressive Course. This course was compiled by four of the foremost public school music educators in the country. The first books of the series were completed September first nineteen hundred and fifteen and on April first nineteen hundred and sixteen they were in use wholly or in part in over twelve hundred places in forty four states. It is one of the best courses ever published and has proven very satisfactory in these grades and I hope that in the future it may be continued through the other grades.

In the higher grades I have paid especial attention to the subject of ear training with gratifying results.

In addition to the regular work in the grades, we are

doing a little work in music appreciation, by the use of the talking machine and a judicious selection of records. In the eighth grade we are devoting a little time each week to this work and the progress is very satisfactory.

RURAL SCHOOLS

I have also been trying the Progressive Course in these schools during the past year. I find the material in this series especially well fitted to the needs of the rural schools. The pupils enjoy the songs and take a great interest in the singing period.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This department has been under the direction of Mr. Pitcher as in the past years. The whole school, two classes in a group, have a period each week in music appreciation,—one group taking a brief course in musical history, the other studying the orchestra and analysis. It is our hope that these courses will help to make good listeners of the average pupils, give them some knowledge of standard musical works and teach them the important events in the development of the art that gives a greater degree of satisfaction to the people at large than any other.

The chorus practice is held each week, the whole school participating, as in years past.

The Knox-Waldo May Music Festival, held in Camden last year, was such a success that it will be continued this year and the school is now at work on choruses that will be sung on that occasion.

Our school is also expected to send a delegation to Bangor next October to participate in the Music Festival at the time of the State Teachers' Association meetings.

The opera "Pinafore" is now being rehearsed by the High School and Belfast Musical Society for production in March. The High School will furnish complete chorus for this production.

The High School Orchestra is devoting the usual time

to rehearsals. A departure has been made in this department. We now admit pupils from the upper grades to practice with the orchestra. We also welcome former graduates of the school as we wish to extend the benefits of this organization to as many people as we possibly can.

As a whole, I feel that this department has been fully as successful as at any period of the past and while, under ideal conditions, we could accomplish more, when we consider the limited time at our disposal in each grade and the fact that many pupils enter our schools from towns having no school music departments, we may feel that we are doing all we can to help our young people along lines that will surely enable them to enjoy life better and, we trust, make them better citizens and better men and women.

My thanks to all officials and teachers for their interest and aid.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA B. PITCHER,

Supervisor of Music.

Belfast, February 24, 1917.

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR.

Belfast, Me., March 6, 1917

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD:

The following report is respectfully submitted by the Medical School Inspector:

Number of pupils examined	631
Number of cases of enlarged glands	37
Number of cases needing dental attention	78
Number of cases of enlarged tonsils	126
Number of cases of obstructed breathing	3
Number of cases of defective sight	91
Number of cases of defective hearing	20
Number of parents sent special notice	209

GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Appropriation	\$ 4 985 00	Teachers	\$11 677 94
Tuition	88 00	Fuel	1 551 54
Reinbursement	11 00	Tuition	10 50
Balance	4 24	Transportation	2 156 92
State Aid	9 196 07	Janitor	979 40
Transportation	2 225 00		
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	\$16 509 31		\$16 376 30
		Balance	133 01
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			\$16 509 31

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation	\$700 00	Expenditures	\$699 38
		Balance	62
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			\$700 00

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	\$1 500 00	Expenditures	\$1 521 99
Sales	22 50	Balance	51
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	\$1 522 50		\$1 522 50

REPAIRS AND INSURANCE.

Appropriation	\$ 875 00	Expenditures	\$ 887 50
Sales	12 65	Balance	15
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	\$ 887 65		\$ 887 65

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$ 600 00	Expenditure	\$ 600 00
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DESK FUND.

Sales	57 21	Expenditures	45 35
Balance 1916	19 96	Balance 1917	31 82
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	\$ 77 17		

STATISTICS OF TEACHERS, 1916-1917.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Name.	Position	Permanent address	No. years experience	No. years in present position	State cert.	Salary
W. T. Faulkner	Principal	Belfast	5	1	yes	\$1 200 00
H. P. Cobb	Sub-master	Searsmont	2	1	yes	700 00
Melvina Parker	Asst.	Belfast	22	12	yes	650 00
Leona Achorn	Asst.	Belfast	7	4	yes	650 00
Mrs. Onie Banks	Com'l. Dept	Belfast	18	4	yes	600 00
Mrs. W. T. Faulkner	Asst.	Belfast	8	1	yes	600 00
Z. D. Hartshorn	Prin. Grade IX	Belfast	18	3	yes	1 000 00
Grace A. Lord	Grade VIII	Belfast	27	26	yes	550 00
Esther Evans	Grade VII	Belfast	8	6	yes	450 00
Grace Emmons	Grade VII	Belfast	13	3	yes	400 00
Florence Cross	So. VI	Belfast R. F. D. 3	8	5	yes	450 00
Alberta Wadsworth	Prin. So. V	Belfast	25	8	yes	450 00
Phebe Cross	So. IV	Belfast R. F. D. 3	8	2	yes	400 00
Annie L. Black	So. III	Belfast	15	8	yes	400 00
Annie K. Adams	So. II	Belfast	23	16	yes	400 00
Maude E. Townsend	So. 1	Belfast	22	16	yes	400 00
Mildred Neal	No. VI	Belfast	8	3	yes	400 00
Amy H. Sprague	No. V	East Orland	5	1	yes	400 00
Florence Kimball	No. IV	Belfast	12	9	yes	400 00
Grace Walton	Prin. No. III	Belfast	33	29	yes	450 00
Julia M. Leary	No. II	Belfast	9	1	yes	400 00

STATISTICS OF TEACHERS, 1916-17 (Continued)

Name.	Position	Permanent address	No. years experience	No. years in present position	State cert.	Salary
Mildred Tibbetts	No. 1	Corinna	2	1	yes	400 00
Ruth Kimball	No. Sub-Primary	Belfast	3	2	yes	400 00
Raphnel Leavitt	Prim. Brick Gram.	Belfast	3	3	yes	396 00
Ella Clark	Brick Primary	Northport	7	3	yes	396 00
Mary Woodbury	White	Belfast	34	22	yes	396 00
Ethel Savery	Union	Belfast	4	3	yes	396 00
Ida Cilley	City Point	Thorndike	29	3	yes	396 00
Eva Wentworth	Head of Tide	Waldo	2	1	yes	396 00
Virgie Beckwith	Poor's Mills	Belfast	3	3	yes	396 00
Helen Rockwood	Pitcher	Belfast	5	1	yes	396 00
Mrs. Pitcher	Teacher Music	Belfast	27	25	yes	415 00
Mrs. Holmes	Teacher Drawing	Belfast	9	6	yes	225 00

CITY OF BELFAST

STATISTICS FOR FALL TERM ENDING DEC. 15, 1916.

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Grade	Number different pupils registered during term	Average attendance	Number of instances of tardiness	Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day	Number conveyed to school
Grade IX	25	24	4	4	5
Grade VIII	49	46	9	19	3
Grade VII	72	65	22	25	9
So. VI	34	27	13	7	4
So. V	23	21	26	6	1
So. IV	22	19	7	3	2
So. III	25	22	30	7	5
So. II	36	31	19	1	4
So. I	47	38	4	4	4
No. VI	28	21	10	5	3
No. V	32	29	45	10	3
No. IV	31	24	83	10	3
No. III	26	24	13	3	4
No. II	26	21	16	5	5
No. I	29	25	28	6	1
Sub. Pri.	20	16	22	2	4
Brick Gram.	18	16	25	4	0
Brick Pri.	26	23	35	3	0
White	17	16	25	5	0
Union	18	15	77	0	0

SCHOOL REPORT

STATISTICS FOR FALL TERM ENDING DEC 15, 1916 (Continued)

Grade	Number different pupils registered during term	Average attendance	Number of instances of tardiness	Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day	Number conveyed to school
City Point	15	13	14	0	7
Head of Tide	33	25	55	2	0
Poor's Mills	16	15	82	3	0
Pitcher	26	24	20	2	0
High School	161	148	433	52	0

CITY OF BELFAST

Report of Trustees of Belfast Free Library

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Library have the honor to submit the following report:

Little needs to be added to the comprehensive report of the Librarian. We commend her report to your consideration. We would call your attention to our financial report which discloses the fact that some of our investments have yielded more than usual during the past year which accounts for the substantial balance on hand at the present time. With this increase in our income the Book Committee should immediately purchase many books for which there has been a call, especially some needed works of fiction.

We never can write our report without calling attention to the great need of an addition to the present building. The shelves are crowded to overflowing. It is hard to properly care for the new books that are purchased. Larger accommodation are also needed for the convenience of those who patronize the library for the purpose of reading and studying.

It is always a pleasure to commend the Librarian and her assistants for their faithful work. We are indeed fortunate in having such efficient officials.

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR A. BLAIR,

Chairman Library Trustees

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1916-1917

Int. on investments exclusive of Field and Otis funds	\$2 318 97
State stipend.	93 00
Fines, cards, etc.	137 70
Otis fund for historical works	146 54
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	\$2 696 21

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries.

Annie L. Barr, Librarian.	\$ 460 00
Grace H. Hall, Asst. Librarian	230 00
Frances Abbott, Acting Asst.	20 00
Henry D. Clark, Janitor	180 00
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	\$ 890 00

Book Account.

Books purchased from Wilson fund . . . \$	98 10
Books purchased from Otis fund . . .	146 54
Books purchased from State Stipend. . .	93 00
Current periodicals	109 45
Books Bound	99 86
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	\$ 546 95

Printing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, Three bills	7 75
Supply Account.	
Gaylord Bros. repairing cloth . . . \$	3 00
Ink pad	85
Paste	1 62
Hall- Ellis Hardware Co.	90
Harding & Rackliffe	2 61
Goodhue & Co.	4 35
Ben D. Field, Janitor's supplies	1 13

Postal cards for printing	5 00
Miscellaneous supplies paid by Miss Barr	8 23
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	\$ 27 19

Expense Account

Coal and wood	\$ 159 50
Electricity	47 08
Mitchell and Trussell, labor	1 00
Hauling ashes	3 00
Alonzo Robbins, shoveling snow	8 00
James Burgin, shoveling snow	4 00
Alvin Blodgett, sharpening tools	2 15
W. E. Hamilton, plants for urns	2 50
Chase & Doak, repairing clock	3 75
American Library Asso. dues	2 00
Express and freight	8 58
Trucking. Two years, C. A. Logan	4 10
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	\$ 245 66

Building Account.

Goodhue & Co. work on roof	\$ 11 30
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Total amount expended	<hr/>	\$1 728 85
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Balance on hand		\$ 967 36
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. BLAIR,
 SELWYN THOMPSON,
 CHAS. S. BICKFORD,
 W. K. KEENE,
 BEN. HAZELTINE.

Board of Trustees, Belfast Free Library.

Report of Librarian

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BELFAST FREE LIBRARY:

I have the honor to submit the twenty-ninth annual report of the Belfast Free Library.

The people of Belfast are to be congratulated on the possession of its Library, which, in number of volumes, ranks seventh in size among the libraries of the State, the large libraries being located in cities of much greater population, Portland, Bangor, Lewiston, Bath, Auburn and Saco. And not only in number of volumes is the Belfast Free Library remarkable for a city of this size, for the collection of books is exceedingly well selected, including many volumes of value.

REGISTRATION.

The number of people who have registered at the Library since September 1905 has been 3,510. As this number included many names long since withdrawn, during the past year we have made a new list of library patrons by which the total number of cards in actual use is 1,868, of which 173 are new names added since our last report.

CIRCULATION.

The usefulness of the Library to the community has been testified by a large circulation and good attendance in the reading room. A decrease in the number of adult fiction loaned may be attributed to several causes,—moving pictures and automobiles—but perhaps, principally to the fact that, during the last two years we have been unable to purchase our

former supply of current fiction, owing to non-payment of the Boston & Maine stock dividends, which was one source of the book fund. It is the more gratifying, therefore, to report a gain in the number of juvenile books taken for home use, while the increased juvenile patronage of the reading room has been noticeable.

CIRCULATION CLASSIFIED.

Fiction,	16	742
Juvenile books,	4	251
General works and periodicals,,	1	506
Philosophy and Religion		215
Sociology,		173
Science,		374
Useful and Fine arts,	1	401
Literature,		504
Travel and description, ...		494
Biography, ...		280
History,		482
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Total, ...	26	422 vols.

Number of pictures, 704

Adult fiction, 63½%.

HOME LIBRARIES.

There are now three Home Libraries, in charge of Mrs. E. O. Pendleton, East Belfast, Mrs. William C. Vose, Little River, and Mrs. Elmer Fowles, West Belfast. During the month of August Miss Arlene Walton also had the care of a collection of books at North Belfast. The number of books sent to the Home Libraries was 592, of which the circulation reported is 2,100.

CIRCULATION CLASSIFIED.

East Belfast,	1 396
Little River,	537
West Belfast,	63
North Belfast,	104

 2 100 vols.

ACCESSIONS.

The number of volumes recorded in the Accession Book on February 28, 1917 is 19,126, of which 324 have been acquired during the year. As the Withdrawal Register shows that in all 1,357 books have been discarded, the number of volumes in the Library is 17,769.

ACCESSIONS CLASSIFIED.

Fiction,	68
Juvenile books,	29
General works and bound magazines,	27
Religion,	13
Sociology, State and U. S. Gov. Reports, ...	56
Natural Science,	7
Useful Arts,	4
Fine Arts,	6
Literature,	15
Travel and description,	26
Biography,	29
History,	44

 Total, 324 vols.

SOURCES OF ACCESSIONS.

By purchase from the Wilson Fund,	96
By purchase from the Otis Fund,	69

By purchase from the State Stipend,	52
Gifts from individuals,	46
Gifts from organized societies,	12
Gifts from the U. S. Government,	7
Gifts from the State of Maine	33
Pay books accessioned,	9
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Total	324 vols.

Books of value, worthy of special mention, are:

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature for 1910-1915.

Biographies of Julia Ward Howe by her daughters, of William McKinley by Charles S. Olcott, and of John Marshall by Albert J. Beverage.

History of Watertown, Waltham and Weston by Henry Bond.

Reminiscences by Lyman Abbott.

Autobiography of Charles Francis Adams.

Life of Booker T. Washington by Scott and Stowe.

History of the Japanese people by Captain F. Brinkley.
Old English china, by Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson.

Vanished towers and chimes of Flanders by George Wharton Edwards.

GIFTS.

The gifts of books this year have included several volumes of juvenile books of good editions, which were especially acceptable and for which the children have shown appreciation. The most valuable gift, however, is a volume entitled "The Turner Gallery" presented by Mrs. Ralph Howes. It is a handsome folio volume of steel engravings of the paintings of J. M. W. Turner. Mrs. T. B. Dinsmore added to the attractions of the reading room a set of John L. Stoddard's Portfolio of Photographs of Famous Cities and Paintings, which have been in almost constant use. Mrs. Edmund P.

Brown contributed *Vogue* to the magazine list, to the great pleasure of library patronesses.

A unique gift, and one especially prized is a stone image of Buddha presented by Miss Bertha I. Bird of Auburn, Mass. in memory of her grandfather, Captain Hanson Bird, formerly of Rockland, Maine. This idol has the interesting history that it came into Captain Bird's possession in Burma as a hurried gift from an unknown young sea-captain, who had stolen it from a Hindu burial cave, and who was unable to keep his prize, because of pursuit by the natives.

CARE OF BOOKS.

Books repaired at the Library,	2 204
Books rebound,	176
Books withdrawn from circulation,	17
Books missing,	13

CASH RECEIPTS

Fines,	\$ 91 86
Book cards sold,	28 81
Paid for damaged books,	2 87
Paid for books by Book Committee,	14 16
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	\$137 70

STORY HOUR.

A Story Hour, conducted fifteen Saturday afternoons from January to May 1916 in the Peirce School was a successful undertaking which gave pleasure to many children and brought new juvenile patrons to the Library. The average attendance was forty-five. The story-tellers, two each afternoon, were ladies who kindly gave their services, each entertaining the children for half an hour. We are very grateful for this assistance and feel that the demand for a

repetition of the story hour this winter has expressed the appreciation of the children. A similar program has been arranged from February to May for this year, which promises to be equally successful.

BUILDING.

No steps have been taken during the past year toward enlarging the building, and every year the necessity for additional shelf room becomes more urgent. It is to be regretted that our excellent library equipment fails in a measure to fulfill its purpose because of lack of room. We need a Children's Room and we need a Reading Room. We cannot give the public library service in keeping with our creditable collection of books until these two rooms have been built.

In closing, it is a pleasure to express my appreciation of the assistance and support of all library officials, and to thank the friends of the Library who have served as storytellers.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE LEONORA BARR,

Librarian.

Chief Engineer's Report

TO HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending March 5, 1917.

PERSONNEL.

Engineers, S. S. L. Shute, I. T. Clough and E. L. Cook.
Hose Company, No. 1, George H. Darby, captain, with
19 men.

Hose Company, No. 2, James Sholes, captain, with 14
men.

Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1, A. J. Jewett, captain,
with 14 men.

Chemical No. 1, Arthur Coombs, captain, 9 men.

APPARATUS.

Consists of two hose wagons, one hose pump, two hose
reels, two hook and ladder trucks, one hook and ladder sled,
one gasoline engine, one chemical engine, one Eastman deluge
set, axes and other findings belonging to the Department.

HOSE.

The Department has 4000 feet of 2½ inch cotton, rubber lined hose, in first class condition; 1000 feet in good condition, and 1000 feet serviceable for use in warm weather.

HYDRANTS.

There are 72 hydrants within the City limits, one new one being placed this year.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

The system has given excellent satisfaction throughout the year, one new box, No. 28, being installed on Upper Main street.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First, that the steam fire engine now rented by the city shall be purchased; that 500 feet of new hose be bought; that the Fire Alarm System be improved by placing an indicator in the Central Fire Station. Owing to the crowded condition, if such a thing be possible, would recommend that there be a one story extension built on the building, on the High street side, extending about twenty-five feet toward the sidewalk, which would give the Department the room needed to take care of the apparatus.

Would also recommend that the janitor of the building be a member of the Fire Department, and arrangement be made so that there would be one man on duty continuously.

FIRE ALARMS FOR THE YEAR.

We have had 43 alarms for the year, 24 box alarms, and 19 telephone calls. See monthly reports.

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

The members of the Department have visited and inspected at different times about 300 buildings in the City, the past year.

I wish to thank His Honor, the Mayor, the Fire Committee, and the members of the Department, also the Assistant Engineers for the uniform courtesy shown during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. L. SHUTE,

Chief of Fire Department.

Milk Inspector's Report

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELFAST:

Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit my annual report as Inspector of Milk for the year 1916.

As the cost of all articles of food has vastly enhanced in price it is not at all surprising that milk, the most perfect and most available of all should to some extent share in the increase.

The supply of milk available for the city was at one time in jeopardy, owing to the high cost of certain cereal feeds but as the personnel of the dealers and producers was readjusted the matter was very well arranged with only slight increase in price.

The usual method of inspection has been carried out namely, inspection of the farm, water supply, drainage and general sanitary conditions, as well as physical examination of the animals, sampling the milk at various and sundry times mostly without the knowledge of the dealer.

No complaints have been made of adulteration and I believe none exists.

I must recommend that an ordinance be passed making it compulsory that all cows furnishing milk to the City be submitted to the Tuberculin Test.

As nearly twenty five thousand dollars are spent by the people of Belfast annually for milk and milk food products,

any comment on the need of careful inspection is superfluous.

While improvements are always possible in the management of the handling of milk I think Belfast's dealers compare favorably with other cities of about the same size.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM LINCOLN WEST,
Inspector.

Report of City Marshal

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCILMEN:

Gentlemen:

Whole number of arrests.	.24
For vagrancy	1
For intoxication . . . . .	.19
Commitment to insane Hospital,	2
Detained on local complaints	2
Furnished lodging at Police station . . . . .	.73
City Marshal and officer's fees received by City Marshal and paid to Edward Sibley, City Treasurer . . .	\$46 33
Amount paid for Special Police duty from March 1, 1916 to Jan. 23, 1917	\$41 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. FRISBEE,

City Marshal.

Report of Trustees of Cemeteries

FOR THE YEAR 1916-17

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

We herewith submit our report as trustees of cemeteries for the past year.

GROVE CEMETERY.

Balance brought forward	\$ 259 55
Received from sale of lots	475 00
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund	540 50
Paid James F. Fernald's bills \$	471 20
J. F. Fernald 5% on sale of lots for 1916	21 25
J. F. Fernald Perpetual Care of lots	540 50
Belfast Water Co.	18 00
C. L. Wright	1 40
S. W. Newcomb	34 80
Belfast Fuel and Hay Co.	4 20

HEAD OF TIDE CEMETERY.

Received from Sale of lots	15 00
Paid Victor Merriam \$	10 30

CITY POINT CEMETERY.

Paid B. F. Staples	5 00
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WEST BELFAST CEMETERY.

Paid H. L. Gray	5 00
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SOUTH BELFAST CEMETERY.

Paid Nelson Wight	5 00
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EAST BELFAST CEMETERY.

Paid Emery O. Pendleton	7 00
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	\$1 123 65	\$1 290 05
Balance on hand	166 40	
	\$1 290 05	\$1 290 05

PERPETUAL CARE FUND.

Amount of Perpetual Care Fund	\$13 325 76
Accumulated Interest on Perpetual Care Fund	919 10
Amount expended on Perpetual Care of lots	540 50
Balance of Perpetual Care Interest	378 60

CHARLES F. SWIFT,
CHARLES R. COOMBS,
RALPH H. HOWES.

Report of Superintendent of Grove Cemetery

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL,

Gentlemen:

During the past year from March 1st 1916 to March 1st 1917 I have attended to the disposition of one hundred six bodies and hereby submit the following report:

Whole number attended one hundred six.

Eighty eight died in the City, eight of these were carried out of town for burial.

Eighteen died away but were brought here.

Sixty-two were buried in Grove Cemetery.

One in Harriman annex, two at Head of Tide, two at South Belfast, one in Union yard and there are thirty now in the tomb.

Following is a list giving name, date, age, cause and place of death and burial.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FERNALD,

Supt. of Grove Cemetery

Belfast, March, 5, 1917.

Name.	Date.	Age	Cause.	Where Buried.
Mildred K. Bradman,	Mar. 12,	27 years,	tuberculosis,	Grove cemetery, Harriman Lot.
Wilson Randall,	Mar. 16,	86 years,	blood poisoning,	Grove Cemetery, lot 6, range 15.
Nettie A. Cross,	Mar. 17,	61 years,	nephritis,	Grove Cemetery, range 18, lot 13.
Arthur M. Bodge,	Mar. 18,	21 years,	tuberculosis,	Public lot.
Warren E. Marsh,	Mar. 23,	81 years,	senile debility	
Elsie E. Stevens,	Mar. 28,	63 years,	bronchitis.	
Nancy J. Mudgett,	Mar. 30,	94 years,	nephritis,	Grove Cemetery, Old E. Wall range, lot 51.
John F. Smalley,	Apr. 22,	62 years,	arthritis,	Grove Cemetery range 14, lot 12.
Fred Canning,	Mar. 21,	7 mo.,	pneumonia deformans,	Grove Cemetery, range 13, lot 11.
Benj. Canning,	Mar. 31,	7 mo.,	mal nutrition	
Ernest S. Currier,	Apr. 24,	27 years,	tuberculosis,	Montville
Wayland Knowlton,	Apr. 27,	69 years,	heart disease,	Grove Cemetery, range 19, lot 8.
Electa J. Fernald,	May 4,	71 yrs.,	heart disease,	Grove Cemetery, range 4, lot 25.
Elmore M. Thomas,	May 7,	1 yr.	abscess	
Richard H. Seekins,	May 8,	1 mo.,	spinal meningitis,	range 12, lot 5.
Mary E. Wood,	May 13,	78 yrs.,	nephritis,	Grove Cemetery, range 18, lot 17.
Minnie E. Holmes,	May 16,	49 yrs.	cancer,	Morrill
Flora M. Dodge,	May 11,	60 yrs.,	apoplexy,	
Ferguson baby,				
Susan L. Cook,	June 4,	86 yrs.,	apoplexy,	Grove Cemetery, range 14, lot 8.
Fred Sanborn,	June 17,	44 yrs.,	suicide,	Grove Cemetery, range 30, lot 16.
Willetta W. Reed,	June 22,	61 yrs.,	heart disease.	

Name.	Date.	Age.	Cause.	Where Buried.
Ann S. Patterson,	June 23,	76 yrs.	heart disease,	Grove Cemetery, range 5, lot 27.
Pembroke Staples,	June 24,	73 yrs.,	uraemia,	Union Yard.
Lydia A. Mayhew,	June 25,	62 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	Head of Tide
Carrie E. Nuss,	June 26,	30 yrs.,	cancer,	Grove Cemetery.
Martha L. Keen,	July 2,	85 yrs.,	organic heart,	Grove Cemetery, range 5, lot 28.
Mary E. Cottrell,	July 8,	86 yrs.,	arterio sclerosis,	Grove Cemetery, range 28, lot 36.
Lizzie M. Thompson,	July 10,	47 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	Knox.
Martha S. Babcock,	July 10,	75 yrs.,	nephritis,	Grove Cemetery, range 13, lot 11.
Carrie L. Kalar,	July 11,	55 yrs.,	carcinoma,	Grove Cemetery range 13, lot 6.
Ezra Curtis,	July 11,	77 yrs.,	nephritis,	Camden.
Rosina E. Rogers,	July 27,	2 mo.,	con. debility.	
Gertrude D. Macomber,	July 30,	45 yrs.	diabetes.	Grove Cemetery, range 3, lot 27.
Roland P. Robbins,	Aug. 6,	20 yrs.,	drowning,	Grove Cemetery, range N. Wall, lot 9.
Mabel Staples,	Aug. 9,	55 yrs.,	apoplexy,	Grove Cemetery, range 3, lot 5.
Francis W. Roberts,	Aug. 11,	5 yrs.	Ileo coletis,	Head of Tide.
William B. Swan,	Aug. 12,	91 yrs.,	cerebral concussion,	Grove Cemetery, range 1, lot 10.
Carrie E. Pierce,	Aug. 14,	67 yrs.,	tuberculosis,	Grove Cemetery, range 12, lot 2.
Sally Prescott,	Aug. 15,	93 yrs.,	cenile dementia,	Searsmont.
Mary O. Littlefield,	Aug. 25,	85 yrs.,	nephritis,	Grove Cemetery, range 25, lot 6.
Helen V. Boardman,	Aug. 30,	9 mo.	bronchitis,	Grove Cemetery range 13, lot 11.
Annie L. Gilman,	Sept. 1,	67 yrs.,	angina pectoris,	Grove Cemetery, range 14, lot 3.

Name.	Date.	Age.	Cause,	Where Buried.
Richard M. Brown,	Sept. 5,	4 yrs.,	typhoid fever,	Grove Cemetery, range 18, lot 7.
Ada E. Brier,	Sept. 18,	57 yrs.,	uremia,	Grove Cemetery, range 9, lot 11.
Melvin Clark,	Sept. 24,	70 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	Prospect.
Samuel G. Stimpson,	Sept. 24,	84 yrs.,	heart disease,	Grove Cemetery, range New W. Wall, lot 42.
Benj. Robinson,	Sept. 26,	75 yrs.,	heart disease,	Grove Cemetery, range 6, lot 10.
David S. Cressey,	Sept. 28,	69 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	Grove Cemetery, range. N. W. Wall, lot 12.
Henry T. Larrabee,	Oct. 4,	59 yrs.,	carcinoma,	Grove Cemetery, range 12, lot 8.
Benj. Robbins,	Oct. 9,	64 yrs.,	septicemia,	Grove Cemetery range 3, lot 9.
Annie L. Richards,	Oct. 13,	72 yrs.,	cancer,	Grove Cemetery, range 3, lot 23.
Mary Amelia Paul,	Oct. 23,	84 yrs.,	cancer,	Grove Cemetery range 29, lot 37.
Alberta La Blanc,	Nov. 1,	30 yrs.,	tuberculosis,	Public Lot.
Fred L. Knowlton,	Nov. 8,	62 yrs.,	nephritis,	South Belfast.
Leslie P. Miller,	Nov. 15,	60 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	Grove Cemetery, range 18, lot 2.
Sarah J. White,	Nov. 21,	86 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	Grove Cemetery range. 13, lot 7.
Lydia S. Ferguson,	Nov. 24,	70 yrs.,	strangulated hernia,	Grove Cemetery, range 14, lot 8.
Lucy J. Flagg,	Nov. 28,	80 yrs.,		
Beulah Thompson,	Dec. 8,	10 yrs.	tuberculosis,	In tomb.
Lydia A. Hatch,	Dec. 15,	84 yrs.,	hemorrhage,	in tomb.
Abbie N. Pillsbury,	Dec. 18,	68 yrs.	nephritis,	in tomb.
Cora E. Welch,	Dec. 23,	57 years,		in tomb.
Robert Whitehead,	Dec. 28,	73 yrs.,	heart disease,	in tomb.
Lucy Harvey,	Dec. 29,	93 yrs.,		in tomb.

Name.	Date.	Age.	Cause.	Where Buried.
Ruth A. Johnson,	Jan. 2,	3 mo.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Mary E. Thompson,	Jan. 12,	74 yrs.,	nephritis,	in tomb.
Alfred K. Paul,	Dec. 17,	71 yrs.	diabetes	Searsmont.
Charles A. Sargent,	Dec. 16,		apoplexy,	in tomb.
James A. Smith,	Dec. 21,	58 yrs.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Drake,	Dec. 24,		uremia,	in tomb.
Mary E. Ryder,	Jan. 25,	37 yrs.	cancinomia,	in tomb.
Rufus Dyer,	Jan. 29,	85 yrs.,	heart disease,	in tomb.
Martin V. B. Knowlton,	Jan. 29,	81 yrs.,	uremia,	in tomb.
Amanda B. Stantial,	Jan. 29,	75 yrs.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Hattie C. Perkins,	Jan 30,	61 yrs.,	angina pectoris,	in tomb.
Susan R. Marden,	Feb. 2,	77 yrs.	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Henry L. Lord,	Feb. 4,	78 yrs.	uremia,	in tomb.
George Forbes,	Feb. 6,	70 yrs.,	uremia	in tomb.
Israel Miller,	Feb. 6,	77 yrs.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Earl Emerton,	Feb. 7,	21 yrs.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Susan J. Dodge,	Feb. 6,	92 yrs.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Helen R. Houston,	Feb. 12,	81 yrs.,	heart disease,	in tomb.
Francis B. Overlock,	Feb. 13,	71 yrs.,	burned,	in tomb.
Lovina J. Lawrence,	Feb. 14,	79 yrs.,		in tomb.
Annette C. Wells,	Feb. 14,	77 yrs.,	pneumonia,	in tomb.
Lillia H. Hart,	Feb. 27,	59 yrs.,		in tomb.
Hattie E. Norton,	Feb. 27,	78 yrs.,	heart disease,	in tomb.

Name	Date	Age	Cause and place of death.	Where buried
Ruth A. Stephenson,	Mar. 14,	hemorrhage,	Brunswick, Grove Cemetery, range 28, lot 24.	
Lillian J. Merriam,	Mar. 16,	heart disease,	Presque Isle, Grove Cemetery, range 19, lot 12.	
George G. Pierce,	Mar. 30,	79 yrs.,	Chicago, Grove Cemetery, range 25, lot 25.	
Margaret E. Carter,	Apr. 3,	9 mo.,	convulsions, Lynn, Grove Cemetery, range 2, lot 5.	
Bernard Philbrook,	Apr. 10,		Bangor, Head of Tide.	
Amanda S. Cunningham,	Apr. 17,	88 yrs.,	Belmont, Grove Cemetery range 23, lot 22.	
Marianna T. Farrow,	Apr. 29,	70 yrs.,	Belmont, Grove Cemetery, range 4, lot 3.	
Samuel Miller,	Apr. 7,	84 yrs.,	paralysis, Searsmont, Old E. Wall, lot 27.	
Isabella White,	May 24,	Elmira, N. Y.	Grove Cemetery, range 17, lot 10.	
Etta M. Flanders,	June 11,	72 yrs.,	pneumonia, S. Poland. So Belfast.	
Ann Knowlton,	June 11,	81 yrs.,	Bangor, Grove Cemetery, range 17, lot 15.	
D. Faunce Woodcock,	June 23,	31 yrs.,	tuberculosis, Ashville, N. C. Grove Cemetery, range 20 lot 11.	
Frank T. Carter,	June 17,	41 yrs.,	tuberculosis, Cambridge, Grove Cemetery, range 4, lot 23.	
Josephine Wadsworth,	Aug. 17,	38 yrs.,	New York, Grove Cemetery, range 3 lot 21.	
Roscoe W. Cottrell,	Sept. 7,	60 yrs.,	cancer, Everett, Mass., Grove Cemetery. Old W. Wall, lot 24.	
Howard G. Nash,	Oct. 24,		accident in Greenfield, Mass., Grove Cemetery, range 20, lot 6.	
Mary A. Ellis,	Dec. 28,	73 yrs.	Chelmsford, in tomb.	
Ralph Freeman,	Jan. 14,	42 yrs.	paralytic shock, Bangor, in tomb.	

Report of the City Solicitor

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELFAST

I have pleasure in reporting that the bill in equity brought by the City against the Belfast Water Company to enjoin said company from shutting off the supply of water for fire purposes was decided by the law court in favor of the city and a permanent injunction was issued restraining the company from so doing. The subject of the contract was thoroughly discussed and the court sustained the city's contentions as to legality, in every respect.

The company has raised the rates to individual consumers since this case was decided, and I would recommend that the matter be vigorously contested before the proper tribunal.

The only case now pending against the city is a pauper case brought by the Town of Seasmont, and I am informed by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor that Mr. Hayford wishes to make a test case of the matter and that in any event, the expense will be borne by him.

In other respects, the city is very fortunate to be free from litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLETON DOAK,

City Solicitor.

Report of Inspector of Buildings

TO THE HON. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BELFAST:

I hereby submit my report as Building Inspector for the
municipal year 1916-17.

The number of buildings inspected 21. 3 new and 18
under repair all of which will pass Insurance requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. ABORN, Building Inspector.

Report of the Board of Health

Belfast, Me., March 5, 1917

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMAN AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BELFAST:—

The following report is respectfully submitted by the
Board of Health for the year ending March 5, 1917.

Number of complaints investigated . . . . .	.35
Number of nuisances corrected . . . . .	.31

Infectious diseases reported, namely:—

Tuberculosis	4
Typhoid fever	6
Diphtheria	1
Scarlet fever, (convalescing when brought to City)	1
Fatal cases of Typhoid fever	1
Fatal cases of Tuberculosis	4
Number of places fumigated or caused to be fumigated	10

We have had no epidemics from the common infectious
diseases, except that of whooping cough, which has been quite
prevalent, but in a mild form.

We were fortunate in not having any case of Infantile
Paralysis, while other cities near us had several cases during
the summer and early fall.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ORRIS S. VICKERY,

Sec. of Board of Health.

APPENDIX.

Belfast's Financial Condition Ascertained and Certified to by an Expert Accountant.

Sworn Statement of Belfast's Actual Assets and Liabilities
As They Appeared at the Change of Administration in
1907-1914-1917.

It is to be remembered that in 1914 Mayor Hanson was defeated because of the charge that he had expended more money than he had raised by taxes and "Hanson's debts" was the campaign slogan. To ascertain the facts an expert bookkeeper was employed. He found the system of book-keeping had been more or less changed and was both undesirable and inefficient in that it did not show every transaction under a proper heading. It contained, however, a dumping ground in which some strange manipulation appeared. **Overdrafts** in excess of money appropriated, and in some cases in excess of the city's bank account, and therefore **liabilities** were put into the assets, while money due the city as interest on tax deeds appeared in the **liabilities**.

However, Mr. Cushman's following sworn statement tells the story of how false the cry about "Hanson's debts" was, and gives the taxpayers the actual condition.

Belfast, Maine, April 5, 1917.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Having been employed by Mayor E. F. Hanson to examine the books and accounts of the City of Belfast, for the purpose of ascertaining the correct amount of Assets & Liabilities of the City at certain specific periods, namely, 1907-1914-1917, it being also stated by Mr. Hanson that there were no politics involved in the matter, that he did not suspect or accuse anyone of graft or wrong doing, but that the official statements and Trial Balances were so peculiarly prepared and at times rather confusing that he desired to ascertain the actual condition at the present time, and also on other dates as previously mentioned.

I found Messrs. Wescott and Sibley ready and willing to give me information regarding any part of the City's business as far as they could, and take this opportunity to thank them for the same.

I found the City's method of accounting rather complex and difficult to ascertain the condition of the different departments clearly. In fact, the system precludes the possibility of showing actual Assets and Liabilities properly. This fact made my work rather difficult, but as I was not required to examine the accounts for clerical errors or to ascertain the uses to which the funds had been put, I was able to obtain the facts required at least substantially correct, by use of the Trial Balances, annual reports, current bills, bank accounts, etc., and I most respectfully submit the following showing.

H. L. CUSHMAN, Accountant.

Personally appeared H. L. Cushman and made oath to the truth of his findings in the matter of adjustment of the financial account of the City of Belfast.

MAURICE W. LORD.

Justice of the Peace.

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Belfast, Maine, April 5, 1917.

City Assets as shown by Trial Balance 1907 report page 21.

Assets consisting of cash, due on taxes, real estate (park property) amounting to \$29 885 33

Assets as shown by Trial balance March 2, 1914, page 19, consisting of real estate, machinery and tools, team, tax deeds, cash due from State and other sources, from collectors of taxes, and current cash amounting to \$35 132 13

The above will show that the Assets were increased between the dates of 1907 and 1914 inclusive to the amount of \$ 5 246 20

Eliminating for the purpose of comparison with condition in 1917, all but the available or Liquid Assets as shown by Trial balance March 2, 1914 we find the showing as stated on page 2 of this report.

Comparison as per above statement of the year 1917 on page 3 of this report.

Page 2, Cushman Report.

Available or Liquid Assets as shown by Trial Balance.

March 2, 1914.

Tax Deeds	\$ 865 82
Due from State of Maine	1 419 28
Due on sewer assessments	425 50
Due on Taxes	14 528 47

 \$17 239 07

Cash on hand and in Bank	2 964 24
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 \$20 203 31
LIABILITIES.

February roll of accounts	\$ 3 419 02
Bonded Interest (Coupons)	11 780 00

 \$15 199 20

Assets over Liabilities	\$ 5 004 11
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EXPLANATORY

From the above should be deducted the amount of taxes abated which as near as can be ascertained, without dates on the abatement book to go by, would amount to about \$4,000.00.

Also payment on Belfast Water Co., Suit as stated in report Trial Balance 1916 page 110, \$1,192.67 \$ 5 192 67

Page 3, Cushman Report.

Available or Liquid Assets as shown by Trial Balance
April 2, 1917.

Tax Deeds	\$ 1 512 62
Due from State	627 83
Dog Licenses overpaid to State	43 00
Due from Town of Brooks	51 75
Due from the Town of Northport	47 00
Advance on Pauper Acct.	58 22
1916 Sewer Assessments	705 00
Due on Taxes	1 410 40
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	\$ 4 455 82

LIABILITIES.

Due Belfast Free Library	\$ 426 17
Due Cemeteries	166 40
Sprinkling Streets	278 50
Borrowed Money	5 500 00
Coupons Unpaid	9 540 00
Treasurers Acct. overdrawn	175 77
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	\$16 086 84

To the above should be added approximately \$2,200.00 bills contracted by former administra- tion and paid for in March roll of Accts	2 200 00
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	\$18 286 84

Liabilities over Assets \$13,831.02

Bills contracted by former administrations but left unpaid have been continually appearing and these listed by the Auditor, show that there have appeared of these bills in the different rolls of account under the present admin-

istration amounts aggregating \$1,528.39, itemized statement of which is filed with the City Clerk. There was one item of \$839.02 and another of \$124.43, or a total of \$963.45 of bills contracted by George Weymouth on the highways, a large portion of them after the administration that employed him had been defeated. Adding the \$1,528.39 to the liabilities account of \$18,286.84 it will be seen that the actual current liabilities handed to the present administration by the preceding, was \$19,815.23.

This makes the **Liabilities over Assets**, \$15, 359.41.

As compared with \$5,004.11 of **Assets over Liabilities** on March 2, 1914.

This is the showing without any deductions and accepting assets as listed at their **face value**. Deductions are shown as shrinkage of assets in 1914 through abatements, payment of water company suit, etc., (for which the city was not liable) but the shrinkage in the assets as listed for April 2, 1917, not having been ascertained, does not appear, but should be **at least \$1,500** which would make the amount of **Liabilities over Assets** April 2, 1917, that much more, or really **a total of \$16,859.14**.

With all deductions made for shrinkage in the assets March 2, 1914, had the amount of \$750, due from abutters for sprinkling streets that was earned and due, been collected **the city's actual current Assets at that time exceeded the liabilities by \$561.44**, and these **facts and figures** lay the ghost of the lying statements about "Hanson's" debts, forever. In other words, there was no such thing existing as "Hanson's debts" in excess of assets, but **the administration going out April 2, 1917 did leave current indebtedness in excess of assets of at least \$16,859.14 and the facts and figures prove this statement to be true**. The fellows, who raised the false cry about Hanson's debts after excessive and unusual expenditures of more than **\$80,000** raised in taxes, and gathered

from other sources, actually did leave this enormous indebtedness.

A pitiable showing for the alleged "**business administration**" and still more pitiable for Belfast.

The City Government elected in 1917 was compelled to hire \$26,000 in Boston to meet bills due and current liabilities as only a very small amount of the assets were available.

WHOSE ADMINISTRATION LEFT THE CITY IN DEBT?

City Government.

1917-1918

CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR:

EDGAR F. HANSON.

CITY CLERK:

Orrin J. Dickey.

ALDERMEN:

Ward 1. Percy A. Bradford.	Ward 3. Herbert J. Kimball.
Ward 2. Ralph I. Morse.	Ward 4. Arthur Higgins
Ward 5. H. Fair Holmes.	

COMMON COUNCILMEN:

Ward 1. Ansel M. Lothrop, Frank H. Keene.	Ward 3. Harold S. McKeen, John P. Sylvester.
Ward 2. William C. Libbey, Virgil L. Hall.	Ward 4. Ralph H. Cunningham, Arthur H. Thompson.
Ward 5. Norman M. Staples, Valorous D. Larrabee.	

City Officers

City Clerk—Orrin J. Dickey.
City Treasurer—S. Augustus Parker.
Judge of Municipal Court—Maurice W. Lord.
City Solicitor—Franklin A. Greer.
City Physician—Harry L. Kilgore.
Street Supervisor—Edgar F. Hanson.
Chief Engineer—Stephen S. L. Shute.
City Marshal—Marcellus R. Knowlton.
Collector of Taxes—S. Augustus Parker.
Auditor—Thomas W. Lothrop.
Harbor Master—N. S. Lord.
Port Warden—N. S. Lord.
Truant Officer—Marcellus R. Knowlton.
Inspector of Buildings—Sanford Howard.
Inspector of Milk—Giles G. Abbott.
City Electrician—C. G. Dickey.
Assistant Engineers—Francis X. Pendleton, Walter J. Clifford.
Superintendent of Grove Cemetery—James F. Fernald.
Assessors—Carleton Doak, 1 year; J. F. Sheldon, 2 years;
Maurice W. Lord, 3 years.
Overseers of the Poor—W. L. West, Giles G. Abbott, Elbridge S.
Pitcher.
Board of Health—Dr. Orris S. Vickery, Marcellus R. Knowlton,
Virgil L. Hall.
Board of Registration—Charles O'Connell, Elmer B. Decrow,
William A. Mason.
Trustees of Cemeteries—Charles R. Coombs, Ralph H. Howes,
Charles F. Swift.
Library Trustees—Benj. Hazeltine, W. T. Hawthorne, Henry D.
Clark, Selwyn Thompson, Samuel Adams.
School Committee—Ward 1, Charles S. Bickford, Thomas W.
Lothrop; Ward 2, Elon B. Gilchrist, Charles H. Twombly; Ward 3,
Ralph D. Shute, Franklin A. Greer; Ward 4, Percy E. Peavey, Man-
ley O. Wilson; Ward 5, Clarence M. Knowlton, Fred Tompkins.

Constables—Ward 1, James D. Hill; Ward 2, Fred E. Ellis; Ward 3, Rufus Mayo; Ward 4, William A. Smart; Ward 5, Jesse L. Staples.

Policemen: Elmer S. Whitehead, Percy S. Edgecomb, Night Watch: James D. Hill, Harvey N. Foust, Percy S. Edgecomb, David Walker, E. A. Shute, Fred P. Nason, Walter F. Gray, Walter H. Juan, R. L. Rolerson, R. U. Russ, Thomas J. Brown, E. A. Nickerson, Joseph Dunbar, A. L. Howar, Bert L. Annis.

Surveyors of Lumber—Herbert L. Stevens, J. C. Durham, Sanford Howard, William K. Keene, Byron B. Greenlaw, Fred A. Holmes, Ralph L. Cooper, Joseph E. Thombs, J. W. Ferguson, A. E. Brackett, H. Fair Holmes, Clyde B. Holmes, L. B. Roberts, A. L. Howard, Thomas L. Decrow, E. E. Babcock and Fred W. Keech.

Weighers of Coal and Hay—Herbert L. Stevens, C. S. Bickford, Herbert E. Bradman, John A. Gilmore, Ralph Mosher, Robert H. Patterson, Jesse L. Staples, R. H. Cunningham, George B. Salter, V. A. Simmons, John Waterman, W. H. Widdefield, C. B. Holmes, K. B. Craig and Edward Wadsworth.

Measurers of Grain and Salt—Herbert L. Stevens, C. S. Bickford, Herbert E. Bradman, John A. Gilmore, Ralph H. Mosher, Walter B. Dutch, V. L. Hall.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—Herbert L. Stevens, Fred A. Holmes, C. S. Bickford, John W. Ferguson, H. Fair Holmes, Clyde B. Holmes, Ralph H. Mosher, L. B. Roberts, W. H. Widdefield, Merle Whitcomb, V. A. Simmons, K. B. Craig, Fred W. Keech, Edward Wadsworth.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves—Fred A. Holmes, Walter G. Hatch, Ralph H. Mosher.

Fence Viewers—Emery O. Pendleton, George F. Mayhew and Richard Merriam.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Percy S. Edgecomb.

Ward Officers

1917-1918.

WARDENS:

Ward 1. Harold L. French; Ward 2, Lorenzo E. McMahan, Ward 3, Henry D. Clark; Ward 4, Leland H. Piper; Ward 5, George A. Leavitt.

WARD CLERKS:

Ward 1, William M. Greenlaw; Ward 2, Geo. O. Lord; Ward 3, Robert C. Logan; Ward 4, Bert H. Stevens; Ward 5, Hervey B. Cottrell.

Standing Committees of the City Council

Finance Account and Claims—Ald. Morse; Coun. Lothrop and McKeen.

Public Schools—Ald. Holmes; Coun. Staples and Keene.

Highways and Bridges—Ald. Kimball; Coun. Cunningham and McKeen.

Fire Department and City Property—Ald. Bradford; Coun. Sylvester and Keene.

By-Laws and Police Regulations—Ald. Higgins; Coun. Thompson and Larrabee.

Enrolled Ordinances—Ald. Morse; Coun. Cunningham and Larrabee.

Sidewalks—Ald. Holmes; Coun. Libbey and Cunningham.

Cemeteries—Ald. Higgins; Coun. Hall and Staples.

Sewers—Ald. Kimball; Coun. Sylvester and Thompson.

Lights—Ald. Bradford; Coun. Lothrop and Larrabee.

State Pensions—Ald. Bradford, Morse and Kimball.

